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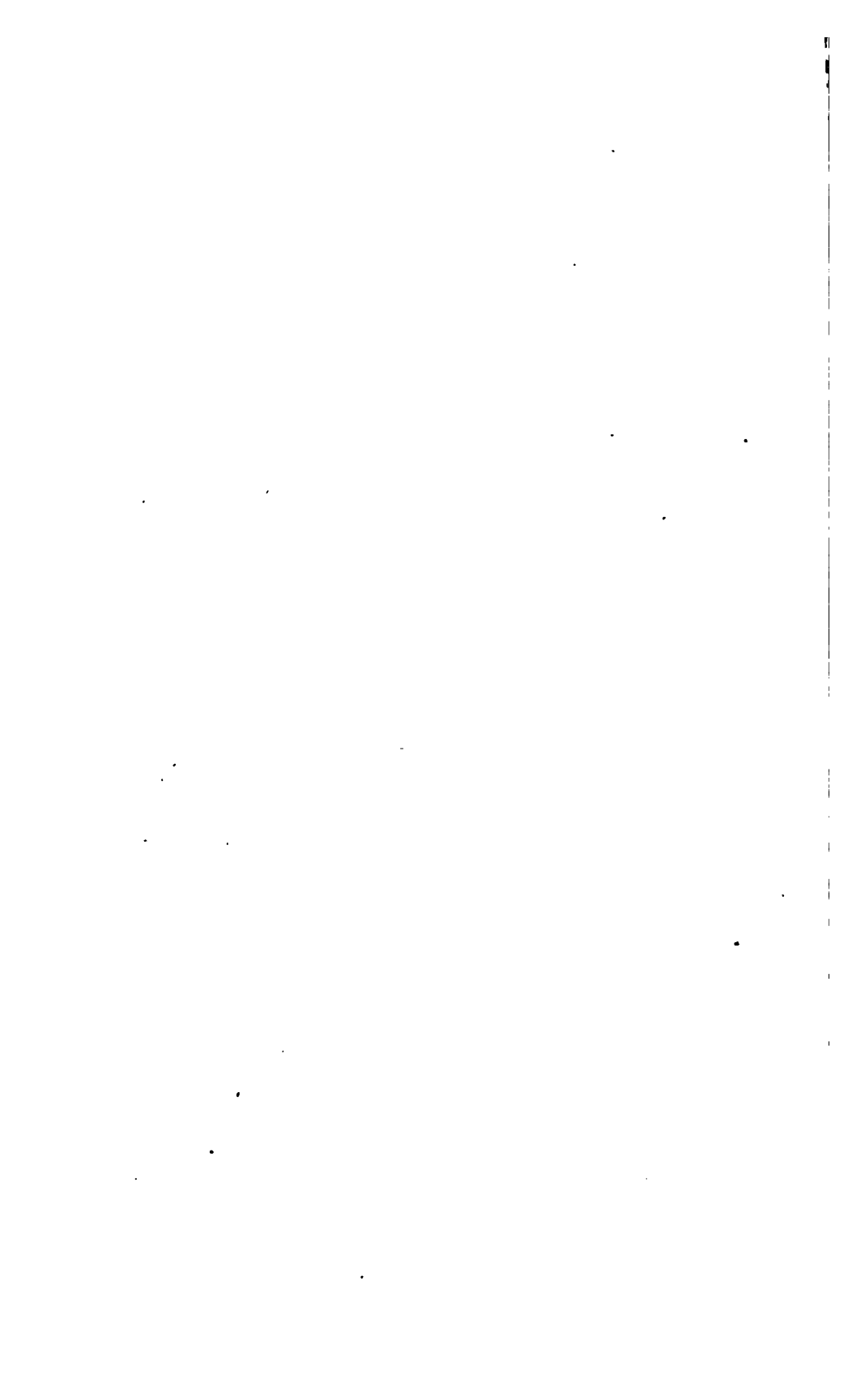
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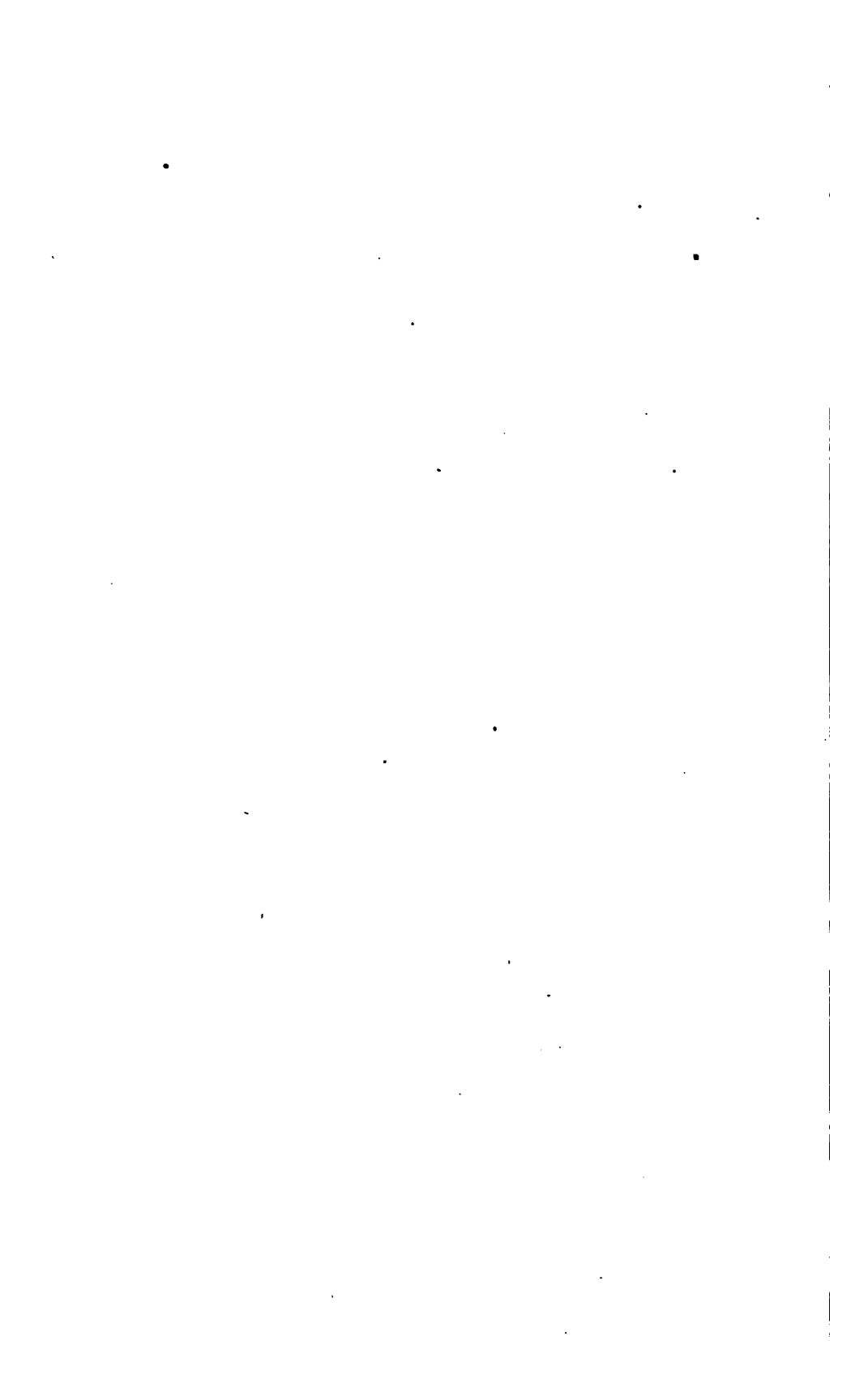
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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

*Congress of the United States,*

BEGUN and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1818, being the *Second Session* of the FIFTEENTH CONGRESS, under the Constitution of Government of the United States.

On which day, being that fixed by law for the meeting of Congress, HENRY CLAY, the Speaker, THOMAS DOUGHERTY, the Clerk, and the following members of the House of Representatives, appeared and took their seats, to wit:

From NEW HAMPSHIRE,

Josiah Butler,  
Clifton Clagett,  
Samuel Hale,  
Arthur Livermore,  
John F. Parrott,  
Nathaniel Upham.

From MASSACHUSETTS,

Benjamin Adams,  
Joshua Gage,  
John Holmes,  
Jonathan Mason,  
Marcus Morton,  
Benjamin Orr,  
Thomas Rice,  
Nathaniel Ruggles,  
Zabdiel Sampson,  
Henry Shaw,  
Nathaniel Silsbee,  
Ezekiel Whitman.

FROM RHODE ISLAND,

John L. Boss, Jun.

FROM CONNECTICUT,

{ Ebenezer Huntington,  
Jonathan O. Moseley,  
Timothy Pitkin,  
Nathaniel Terry,  
Thomas S. Williams.

FROM VERMONT,

{ Heman Allen,  
Samuel C. Crafts,  
William Hunter,  
Orsamus C. Merrill,  
Charles Rich,  
Mark Richards.

FROM NEW YORK,

{ Oliver C. Comstock,  
John P. Cushman,  
Josiah Hasbrouck,  
John Herkimer,  
Thomas H. Hubbard,  
William Irving,  
Dorrance Kirtland,  
Thomas Lawyer,  
John Palmer,  
John Savage,  
Philip J. Schuyler,  
Tredwell Scudder,  
Henry R. Storrs,  
James Tallmadge, Jun.  
John W. Taylor,  
George Townsend,  
Rensselaer Westerlo,  
James W. Wilkin,  
Isaac Williams,

FROM NEW JERSEY,

{ Ephraim Bateman,  
Benjamin Bennett,  
Joseph Bloomfield,  
Charles Kinsey,  
John Linn,  
Henry Southard,

**FROM PENNSYLVANIA,**

William Anderson,  
Henry Baldwin,  
Andrew Bodon,  
Isaac Darlington,  
Joseph Hopkinson,  
William P. Maclay,  
David Marchand,  
Robert Moore,  
John Murray,  
Alexander Ogle,  
Thomas Patterson,  
Thomas J. Rogers,  
John Sergeant,  
Adam Seybert,  
Christian Tarr,  
James M. Wallace,  
John Whiteside,  
William Wilson.

**FROM MARYLAND,**

Thomas Bayly,  
Thomas Culbreth,  
John C. Herbert,  
Peter Little,  
George Peter,  
Philip Reed,  
Samuel Smith,  
Philip Stuart.

**FROM VIRGINIA,**

Archibald Austin,  
Philip P. Barbour,  
William A. Burwell,  
John Floyd,  
Robert S. Garnett,  
William J. Lewis,  
William M. Coy,  
Charles F. Mercer,  
Hugh Nelson,  
Thomas Newton,  
James Pindall,  
James Pleasants,  
Alexander Smyth,  
Henry St. George Tucker.

**FROM NORTH CAROLINA,**

Weldon N. Edwards,  
Thomas H. Hall,  
George Mumford,  
Lemuel Sawyer,  
Thomas Settle,  
Jesse Slocumb,  
James S. Smith,  
James Stewart,  
Felix Walker,  
Louis Williams.



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| FROM SOUTH CAROLINA, | { Joseph Bellinger,<br>Henry Middleton,<br>Sterling Tucker.                                                                                          |
| FROM GEORGIA,        | { Zadock Cook,<br>Joel Crawford,<br>John Forsyth,<br>William Terrell.                                                                                |
| FROM KENTUCKY,       | { Joseph Desha,<br>Richard M. Johnson,<br>Anthony New,<br>Tunstall Quarles,<br>George Robertson,<br>Thomas Speed,<br>David Trimble,<br>David Walker. |
| FROM TENNESSEE,      | { Thomas Claiborne,<br>Francis Jones,<br>John Rhea,                                                                                                  |
| FROM OHIO,           | { John W. Campbell,<br>William Henry Harrisoh.                                                                                                       |
| FROM INDIANA,        | William Hendricks.                                                                                                                                   |
| FROM MISSISSIPPI,    | George Poindexter.                                                                                                                                   |

The following new members also appeared, to wit:

From Massachusetts, Enoch Lincoln, in the room of Albion K. Parris, resigned.

From Connecticut, Sylvester Gilbert, in the room of Uriel Holmes, resigned.

From Pennsylvania, Samuel Moore, in the room of Samuel D. Ingham, resigned, and Jacob Hostetter, in the room of Jacob Spangler, resigned.

From Virginia, John Pegram, in the room of Peterson Goodwyn, deceased; and,

From Louisiana, Thomas Butler, in the room of Thomas B. Robertson, resigned, who severally produced their credentials and took their seats; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker.

John Scott, the delegate from the territory of Missouri, and John Crowel, the delegate from the territory of Alabama, also appeared and took their seats.

And a quorum consisting of a majority of the whole number of members of the House, being present, it was

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that they are ready to proceed to business: they have passed an order for the appointment of a

committee, on their part, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them.

The House proceeded to consider the said order, and concurred therein; and,

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Baldwin, were appointed of the said committee on their part.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a copy of the constitution of the state of Illinois, adopted in convention at Kaskaskia, on the 26th day of August, 1818; which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, until otherwise ordered, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the Clerk furnish the members with such newspapers as they may elect, the expense of each member not to exceed the price of three daily papers.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, November 17, 1818.

Several other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Walter Folger, junr. and John Wilson; from New York, Benjmain Ellicott, and David A. Ogden; from Delaware, Louis M'Lane; from Virginia, Thomas M. Nelson, Ballard Smith, and Edward Colston; from North Carolina, James Owen; from Georgia, Thomas W. Cobb; from Tennessee, Samuel Hogg; and from Ohio, Philemon Beecher, and Levi Barber, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Taylor, from the joint committee, appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and make known to him, that a quorum of the two Houses was assembled, and ready to receive any communication he might think proper to make to them, did, yesterday discharge that duty; when the President informed the committee, that he would this day, make a communication to the two Houses of Congress.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee for enrolled bills, and have appointed Mr. Noble of the said committee on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution, agreed thereto; and,

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Speed, were appointed of the said committee on their part.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to the appointment of the standing committees, pursuant to the rules and orders of the House.

Whereupon,

A committee of Ways and Means was appointed, consisting of Mr. Smith of Maryland, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Trimble, Mr. Crawford, and Mr. Tallmadge.

A committee of Elections was appointed, consisting of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Alexander Smyth, Mr. Merrill, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Boss, Mr. Whitman, and Mr. Tarr.

A committee of Commerce and Manufactures was appointed, consisting of Mr. Newton, Mr. Seybert, Mr. McLane, of Delaware, Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, Mr. Irving of New York, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Kinsey.

A committee of Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, Mr. Rich, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Samuel Moore, Mr. Walker, of Kentucky, Mr. Culbreth, and Mr. Gilbert.

A committee for the District of Columbia was appointed, consisting of Mr. Herbert, Mr. Peter, Mr. Boden, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Colston, and Mr. Stuart, of Maryland.

A committee on the Public Lands was appointed, consisting of Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Terry, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Butler, of Louisiana.

A committee on Private Land Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Pindall, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Robert Moore, and Mr. Ballard Smith.

A committee on the Post Office and Post Roads was appointed, consisting of Mr. Livemore, Mr. Blount, Mr. Barber, of Ohio, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Terrill, and Mr. Settle.

A committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Rhea, Mr. Wilkin, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. William P. Maclay, Mr. Ellicott, Mr. Owen, and Mr. Orr.

A committee on Public Expenditures was appointed, consisting of Mr. Desha, Mr. Anderson, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Garnett, Mr. Cushman, Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Williams, of Connecticut.

A committee on the Judiciary was appointed, consisting of Mr. Hugh Nelson, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Beecher, Mr. Storrs, Mr. Quarles, and Mr. Moseley.

A committee of Accounts was appointed, consisting of Mr. Little, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Darlington.

A committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business was appointed, consisting of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hale, and Mr. Whiteside.

A communication, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Munroe, his Secretary, who delivered in the same at the Speaker's table, and withdrew.

The said communication was read, and is as follows:

*Fellow-citizens of the Senate*

*and of the House of Representatives.*

The auspicious circumstances under which you will commence the duties of the present session, will lighten the burden inseparable from the high trust committed to you. The fruits of the earth have been unusually abundant: commerce has flourished; the revenue has exceeded the most favorable anticipation, and peace and amity are preserved with foreign nations, on conditions just and honorable to our country. For these inestimable blessings, we cannot but be grateful to that Providence which watches over the destinies of nations.

As the term limited for the operation of the commercial convention with Great Britain will expire early in the month of July next, and it was deemed important that there should be no interval, during which that portion of our commerce, which was provided for by that convention, should not be regulated, either by arrangement between the two governments, or by the authority of Congress, the minister of the United States at London was instructed, early in the last summer, to invite the attention of the British government to the subject, with a view to that object. He was instructed to propose, also, that the negotiation which it was wished to open, might extend to the general commerce of the two countries, and to every other interest and unsettled difference between them; particularly those relating to impressment, the fisheries, and boundaries, in the hope that an arrangement might be made, on principles of reciprocal advantage, which might comprehend, and provide, in a satisfactory manner, for all these high concerns. I have the satisfaction to state, that the proposal was received by the British government in the spirit which prompted it, and that a negotiation has been opened at London, embracing all these objects. On full consideration of the great extent and magnitude of the trust, it was thought proper to commit it to not less than two of our distinguished citizens, and, in consequence, the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States at Paris, has been associated with our envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary at London; to both of whom corresponding instructions have been given; and they are now engaged in the discharge of its duties. It is proper to add, that, to prevent any inconvenience resulting from the delay incident to a negotiation on so many important subjects, it was agreed, before entering on it, that the existing convention should be continued for a term not less than eight years.

Our relations with Spain remain nearly in the state in which they were at the close of the last session. The convention of 1802, providing for the adjustment of a certain portion of the claims of our citizens for injuries sustained by spoliation, and so long suspended by the Spanish government, has at length been ratified by it;

but no arrangement has yet been made for the payment of another portion of like claims, not less extensive or well founded, or for other classes of claims, or for the settlement of boundaries. These subjects have again been brought under consideration in both countries, but no agreement has been entered into respecting them. In the mean time, events have occurred, which clearly prove the ill effect of the policy which that government has so long pursued, on the friendly relations of the two countries, which, it is presumed, it is at least of as much importance to Spain, as to the United States, to maintain. A state of things has existed in the Floridas, the tendency of which has been obvious to all who have paid the slightest attention to the progress of affairs in that quarter. Throughout the whole of those provinces to which the Spanish title extends, the government of Spain has scarcely been felt. Its authority has been confined almost exclusively to the walls of Pensacola and St. Augustine, within which only small garrisons have been maintained. Adventurers from every country, fugitives from justice, and absconding slaves have found an asylum there. Several tribes of Indians, strong in the number of their warriors, remarkable for their ferocity, and whose settlements extend to our limits, inhabit those provinces. These different hordes of people, connected together, disregarding, on the one side, the authority of Spain, and protected, on the other, by an imaginary line, which separates Florida from the United States, have violated our laws prohibiting the introduction of slaves, have practised various frauds on our revenue, and committed every kind of outrage on our peaceable citizens, which their proximity to us enabled them to perpetrate. The invasion of Amelia Island, last year, by a small band of adventurers, not exceeding one hundred and fifty in number, who wrested it from the inconsiderable Spanish force stationed there and held it several months, during which, a single feeble effort only was made to recover it, which failed, clearly proves how completely extinct the Spanish authority had become; as the conduct of those adventurers, while in possession of the island, as distinctly shows the pernicious purposes for which their combination had been formed.

This country had, in fact, become the theatre of every species of lawless adventure. With little population of its own, the Spanish authority almost extinct, and the colonial governments in a state of revolution, having no pretention to it, and sufficiently employed in their own concerns, it was in a great measure derelict, and the object of cupidity, to every adventurer. A system of bucanneering was rapidly organizing over it, which menaced, in its consequences, the lawful commerce of every nation, and particularly of the United States; while it presented a temptation to every people, on whose seduction its success principally depended. In regard to the United States, the pernicious effect of this unlawful combination, was not confined to the ocean. The Indian tribes have constituted the effective force in Florida. With these tribes, these adventurers had

formed, at an early period, a connection, with a view to avail themselves of that force, to promote their own projects of accumulation and aggrandizement. It is to the interference of some of these adventurers, in misrepresenting the claims and titles of the Indians to land, and in practicing on their savage propensities, that the Seminole war is principally to be traced. Men who thus connect themselves with savage communities, and stimulate them to war, which is always attended, on their part, with acts of barbarity the most shocking, deserve to be viewed in a worse light than the savages. They would certainly have no claim to an immunity from the punishment, which, according to the rules of warfare practised by the savages, might justly be inflicted on the savages, themselves.

If the embarrassments of Spain prevented her from making an indemnity to our citizens, for so long a time, from her treasury, for their losses by spoilation, and otherwise, it was always in her power to have provided it, by the cession of this territory. Of this, her government has been repeatedly apprized, and the cession was the more to have been anticipated, as Spain must have known that, in ceding it, she would, in effect, cede what had become of little value to her, and would likewise relieve herself from the important obligation secured by the treaty of 1795, and all other commitments respecting it. If the United States, from consideration of these embarrassments, declined pressing their claims in a spirit of hostility, the motive ought, at least, to have been duly appreciated by the government of Spain. It is well known to her government that other powers have made to the United States an indemnity for like losses, sustained by their citizens at the same epoch.

There is, nevertheless, a limit, beyond which this spirit of amity and forbearance can, in no instance be justified. If it was proper to rely on amicable negotiation for an indemnity for losses, it would not have been so to have permitted the inability of Spain to fulfil her engagements, and to sustain her authority in the Floridas, to be perverted, by foreign adventurers and savages, to purposes so destructive to the lives of our fellow-citizens, and the highest interests of the United States. The right of self-defence never ceases. It is among the most sacred and alike necessary to nations and to individuals. And, whether the attack be made by Spain herself, or by those who abuse her power, its obligation is not the less strong. The invaders of Amelia Island had assumed a popular and respected title, under which they might approach and wound us. As their object was distinctly seen, and the duty imposed on the executive, by an existing law, was profoundly felt, that mask was not permitted to protect them. It was thought incumbent on the United States to suppress the establishment, and it was accordingly done. The combination in Florida, for the unlawful purposes stated, the acts perpetrated by that combination, and, above all, the incitement of the Indians, to massacre our fellow-citizens, of every age, and of both sexes, merited a like treatment, and received it. In pursuing

these savages to an imaginary line, in the woods, it would have been the height of folly to have suffered that line to protect them. Had that been done, the war could never cease. Even if the territory had been, exclusively, that of Spain, and her power complete over it, we had a right, by the law of nations, to follow the enemy on it, and to subdue him there. But, the territory belonged, in a certain sense, at least, to the savage enemy who inhabited it; the power of Spain had ceased to exist over it, and protection was sought, under her title, by those who had committed on our citizens, hostilities which she was bound by treaty to have prevented, but had not the power to prevent. To have stopped at that line, would have given new encouragement to these savages, and new vigor to the whole combination existing there, in the prosecution of all its pernicious purposes.

In suppressing the establishment at Amelia Island, no unfriendliness was manifested towards Spain, because the post was taken from a force which had wrested it from her. The measure, it is true, was not adopted in concert with the Spanish government, or those in authority under it; because, in transactions connected with the war in which Spain and the colonies are engaged, it was thought proper, in doing justice to the United States, to maintain a strict impartiality towards both the belligerent parties, without consulting or acting in concert with either. It gives me pleasure to state, that the governments of Buenos Ayres and Venezuela, whose names were assumed, have explicitly disclaimed all participation in those measures, and even the knowledge of them, until communicated by this government, and have also expressed their satisfaction that a course of proceedings had been suppressed, which, if justly imputable to them, would dishonor their cause.

In authorizing major general Jackson to enter Florida, in pursuit of the Seminoles, care was taken, not to encroach on the rights of Spain. I regret to have to add, that, in executing this order, facts were disclosed, respecting the conduct of the officers of Spain, in authority there, in encouraging the war, furnishing munitions of war, and other supplies, to carry it on, and in other acts, not less marked, which evinced their participation in the hostile purposes of that combination, and justified the confidence, with which it inspired the savages, that, by those officers they would be protected. A conduct so incompatible with the friendly relations existing between the two countries, particularly with the positive obligation of the 5th article of the treaty of 1795, by which Spain was bound to restrain, even by force, those savages, from acts of hostility against the United States, could not fail to excite surprise. The commanding general was convinced that he should fail in his object, that he should in effect accomplish nothing, if he did not deprive those savages of the resource on which they had calculated, and of the protection on which they had relied in making the war. As all the documents relating to this occurrence will be laid before

**Congress, it is not necessary to enter into further detail respecting it.**

Although the reasons which induced major general Jackson to take these posts were duly appreciated, there was, nevertheless, no hesitation in deciding on the course which it became the government to pursue. As there was reason to believe that the commanders of these posts had violated their instructions, there was no disposition to impute to their government a conduct so unprovoked and hostile. An order was in consequence issued to the general in command there, to deliver the posts; Pensacola, unconditionally, to any person duly authorized to receive it; and St. Marks, which is in the heart of the Indian country, on the arrival of a competent force, to defend it against those savages and their associates.

In entering Florida to suppress this combination, no idea was entertained of hostility to Spain, and, however justifiable the commanding general was, in consequence of the misconduct of the Spanish officers, in entering St. Marks and Pensacola, to terminate it, by proving to the savages and their associates, that they should not be protected, even there; yet the amicable relations, existing between the United States and Spain, could not be altered by that act alone. By ordering the restitution of the posts, those relations were preserved. To a change of them, the power of the executive is deemed incompetent. It is vested in Congress only.

By this measure, so promptly taken, due respect was shown to the government of Spain. The misconduct of her officers has not been imputed to her. She was enabled to review with candor, her relations with the United States, and her own situation, particularly in respect to the territory in question, with the dangers inseparable from it; and, regarding the losses we have sustained, for which indemnity has been so long withheld, and the injuries we have suffered through that territory, and her means of redress, she was likewise enabled to take, with honor, the course best calculated to do justice to the United States, and to promote her own welfare.

Copies of the instructions to the commanding general; of his correspondence with the Secretary of War, explaining his motives, and justifying his conduct, with a copy of the proceedings of the courts martial, in the trial of Arbuthnot and Ambristie; and of the correspondence between the Secretary of State and the minister plenipotentiary of Spain, near this government: and of the minister plenipotentiary of the United States, at Madrid, with the government of Spain, will be laid before Congress.

The civil war, which has so long prevailed between Spain, and the provinces in South America, still continues without any prospect of its speedy termination. The information respecting the condition of those countries, which has been collected by the Commissioners, recently returned from thence, will be laid before Congress, in copies of their reports, with such other information as has been received from other agents of the United States.



It appears, from these communications, that the government at Buenos Ayres declared itself independent in July, 1816, having previously exercised the power of an independent government, though in the name of the King of Spain, from the year 1810: that, the Banda Oriental, Entre Rios, and Paraguay, with the city of Santa Feo, all of which are also independent, are unconnected with the present government of Buenos Ayres: that Chili has declared itself independent, and is closely connected with Buenos Ayres: that Venezuela has also declared itself independent, and now maintains the conflict with various success; and that the remaining parts of South America, except Monte Video, and such other portions of the Eastern bank of the La Plata as are held by Portugal, are still in the possession of Spain, or, in a certain degree, under her influence.

By a circular note addressed by the ministers of Spain to the allied powers with whom they are respectively accredited, it appears that the allies have undertaken to mediate between Spain and the South American provinces, and that the manner and extent of their interposition would be settled by a Congress, which was to have met at Aix-la-Chapelle in September last. From the general policy and course of proceeding observed by the allied powers in regard to this contest, it is inferred that they will confine their interposition to the expression of their sentiments; abstaining from the application of force. I state this impression, that force will not be applied, with the greater satisfaction, because it is a course more consistent with justice, and likewise authorizes a hope that the calamities of the war will be confined to the parties only, and will be of shorter duration.

From the view taken of this subject, founded on all the information that we have been able to obtain, there is good cause to be satisfied with the course heretofore pursued by the United States, in regard to this contest, and to conclude, that it is proper to adhere to it, especially in the present state of affairs.

I have great satisfaction in stating, that our relations with France, Russia, and other powers, continue on the most friendly basis.

In our domestic concerns we have ample cause of satisfaction. The receipts into the Treasury, during the three first quarters of the year, have exceeded seventeen millions of dollars.

After satisfying all the demands which have been made under existing appropriations, including the final extinction of the old six per cent. stock, and the redemption of a moiety of the Louisiana debt, it is estimated that there will remain in the Treasury, on the first day of January next, more than two millions of dollars.

It is ascertained that the gross revenue which has accrued from the customs during the same period amounts to twenty-one millions of dollars, and that the revenue of the whole year may be estimated at not less than twenty-six millions. The sale of the public lands during the year has also greatly exceeded, both in quantity and price, that of any former year; and there is just reason to expect a progressive improvement in that source of revenue.

It is gratifying to know, that, although the annual expenditure has been increased, by the act of the last session of Congress, providing for revolutionary pensions, to an amount about equal to the proceeds of the internal duties, which were then repealed, the revenue for the ensuing year will be proportionally augmented, and that, whilst the public expenditure will probably remain stationary, each successive year will add to the national resources, by the ordinary increase of our population, and by the gradual development of our latent sources of national prosperity.

The strict execution of the revenue laws, resulting principally from the salutary provisions of the act of the 20th of April last, amending the several collection laws, has, it is presumed, secured to domestic manufactures all the relief that can be derived from the duties, which have been imposed upon foreign merchandise, for their protection. Under the influence of this relief, several branches of this important national interest have assumed greater activity, and, although it is hoped that others will gradually revive, and ultimately triumph over every obstacle, yet the expediency of granting further protection is submitted to your consideration.

The measures of defence, authorized by existing laws, have been pursued with the zeal and activity due to so important an object, and with all the despatch practicable in so extensive and great an undertaking. The survey of our maritime and inland frontiers has been continued; and, at the points where it was decided to erect fortifications, the work has been commenced, and, in some instances, considerable progress has been made. In compliance with resolutions of the last session, the board of commissioners were directed to examine in a particular manner the parts of the coast therein designated, and to report their opinion of the most suitable sites for two naval depots. This work is in a train of execution. The opinion of the board on this subject, with a plan of all the works necessary to a general system of defence, so far as it has been formed, will be laid before Congress, in a report from the proper department, as soon as it can be prepared.

In conformity with the appropriations of the last session, treaties have been formed with the Quapaw tribe of Indians, inhabiting the country on the Arkansaw, and with the Great and Little Osages north of the White river; with the tribes in the state of Indiana; with the several tribes within the state of Ohio, and the Michigan territory; and with the Chickasaws; by which very extensive cessions of territory have been made to the United States. Negotiations are now depending with the tribes in the Illinois territory, and with the Choctaws, by which it is expected that other extensive cessions will be made. I take great interest in stating that the cessions already made, which are considered so important to the United States, have been obtained on conditions very satisfactory to the Indians.

With a view to the security of our inland frontiers, it has been thought expedient to establish strong posts at the mouth of the Yellow Stone River, and at the Mandan village, on the Missouri; and at the mouth of St. Peters, on the Mississippi, at no great distance from our northern boundaries. It can hardly be presumed, while such posts are maintained in the rear of the Indian tribes, that they will venture to attack our peaceable inhabitants. A strong hope is entertained that this measure will likewise be productive of much good to the tribes themselves; especially in promoting the great object of their civilization. Experience has clearly demonstrated, that independent savage communities cannot long exist within the limits of a civilized population. The progress of the latter has, almost invariably, terminated in the extinction of the former, especially of the tribes belonging to our portion of this hemisphere, among whom, loftiness of sentiment, and gallantry in action, have been conspicuous. To civilize them, and even to prevent their extinction, it seems to be indispensable that their independence, as communities, should cease, and that the control of the United States over them should be complete and undisputed. The hunter state will then be more easily abandoned, and recourse will be had to the acquisition and culture of land, and to other pursuits tending to dissolve the ties which connect them together as a savage community, and to give a new character to every individual. I present this subject to the consideration of Congress, on the presumption that it may be found expedient and practicable to adopt some benevolent provisions, having these objects in view, relative to the tribes within our settlements.

It has been necessary, during the present year, to maintain a strong naval force in the Mediterranean, and in the Gulf of Mexico, and to send some public ships along the Southern coast, and to the Pacific Ocean. By these means, amicable relations with the Barbary powers have been preserved, our commerce has been protected, and our rights respected. The augmentation of our navy is advancing, with a steady progress, towards the limit contemplated by law.

I communicate, with great satisfaction, the accession of another state, Illinois, to our Union; because I perceive, from the proof afforded by the additions already made, the regular progress and sure consummation of a policy, of which history affords no example, and of which the good effect cannot be too highly estimated. By extending our government, on the principles of our constitution over the vast territory within our limits, on the Lakes and the Mississippi, and its numerous streams, new life and vigor are infused into every part of our system. By increasing the number of the states, the confidence of the state governments in their own security is increased, and their jealousy of the national government proportionally diminished. The impracticability of one consolidated government for this great and growing nation will be more apparent, and will be universally

admitted. Incapable of exercising local authority, except for general purposes, the general government will no longer be dreaded. In those cases of a local nature, and for all the great purposes for which it was instituted, its authority will be cherished. Each government will acquire new force and a greater freedom of action, within its proper sphere. Other inestimable advantages will follow: our produce will be augmented to an incalculable amount, in articles of the greatest value for domestic use and foreign commerce. Our navigation will, in like degree be increased; and, as the shipping of the Atlantic states will be employed in the transportation of the vast produce of the western country, even those parts of the United States, which are most remote from each other, will be further bound together by the strongest ties which mutual interest can create.

The situation of this District, it is thought, requires the attention of Congress. By the constitution, the power of legislation is exclusively vested in the Congress of the United States. In the exercise of this power, in which the people have no participation, Congress legislate in all cases, directly, on the local concerns of the District. As this is a departure, for a special purpose, from the general principles of our system, it may merit consideration, whether an arrangement better adapted to the principles of our government, and to the particular interests of the people, may not be devised, which will neither infringe the constitution, nor affect the object which the provision in question was intended to secure. The growing population, already considerable, and the increasing business of the District, which it is believed already interferes with the deliberations of Congress on great national concerns, furnish additional motives for recommending this subject to your consideration.

When we view the great blessings with which our country has been favored, those which we now enjoy, and the means which we possess of handing them down, unimpaired, to our latest posterity, our attention is irresistibly drawn to the source from whence they flow. Let us then unite in offering our most grateful acknowledgments for these blessings to the Divine Author of all good.

JAMES MONROE.

*November 16th, 1818.*

Ordered, That it be committed to the committee of the whole House, on the state of the Union.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, for the year 1816, which was ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, November 18, 1818.

Several other members, to wit:

From New York, John R. Drake, James Porter, and John C. Spencer; from Virginia, Burwell Bassett; and from Tennessee, William G. Blount; appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Williams, of Connecticut, presented the petition of Josiah Evans, praying that the benefit of the act of the last session, providing for certain persons engaged in the land or naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war, may be extended to him, as he is now prevented from receiving it, in consequence of his being returned as a *deserter*, of which crime he alledged, he was pardoned by General Washington upon his return to his duty, and at the close of the war, received an *honorable* discharge.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where they were again read, and severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

1. Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to the subject of foreign affairs, and the condition of the independent governments of Spanish America, be referred to a select committee.

2. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to military affairs, so much as relates to the proceedings of the courts martial, in the trial of Arbuthnot and Ambristic, and to the conduct of the war against the Seminole Indians, be referred to a select committee.

3. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the navy and naval depots, be referred to a select committee.

4. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to cessions of territory by the Indians, be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

5. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the civilization of the Indian tribes, be referred to a select committee.

6. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to manufactures, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

7. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the unlawful introduction of slaves into the United States, be referred to a select committee.

8. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the subject of revenue, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

9. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the District of Columbia, be referred to the committee for the said District.

10. Resolved, That the said select committees have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Allen, of Vermont, and Mr. Hopkinson, were appointed a committee pursuant to the first resolution.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Reed, Mr. T. M. Nelson, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Gage, Mr. Stewart, of North Carolina, and Mr. Peter, were appointed a committee pursuant to the second resolution.

Mr. Pleasants, Mr. Silsbee, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Bateman, were appointed a committee pursuant to the third resolution.

Mr. Southard, Mr. Williams, of New York, Mr. Murray, Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, Mr. Richards, Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, and Mr. Pegram, were appointed a committee pursuant to the fifth resolution.

Mr. Middleton, Mr. Upham, Mr. Lawyer, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Mumford, Mr. Lincoln, and Mr. Linn, were appointed a committee pursuant to the seventh resolution.

Mr. Taylor, then submitted the following resolutions, which were read and agreed to by the House, as follows:

1. Resolved, That the subject of an improvement in the organization and discipline of the militia, be referred to a select committee.

2. Resolved, That the subject of roads and canals, be referred to a select committee.

3. Resolved, That the subject of the public buildings, be referred to a select committee.

4. Resolved, That the subject of revolutionary pensions, be referred to a select committee.

5. Resolved, That the said select committees have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Harrison, Mr. Alexander Smyth, Mr. Quarles, Mr. Morton, Mr. Jones, Mr. Savage, and Mr. Owen, were appointed a committee pursuant to the first resolution.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, Mr. Storrs, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Sergeant Mr. Porter, Mr. Crafts, and Mr. Marchand, were appointed a committee pursuant to the second resolution.

Mr. Bassett, Mr. Bellinger, Mr. Adams, Mr. Claggett, Mr. Folger, Mr. Bayley, and Mr. Rice, were appointed a committee pursuant to the third resolution.

Mr. Bloomfield, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Ogle, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Drake, Mr. Herkimer, and Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, were appointed a committee pursuant to the fourth resolution.

On motion of Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, until otherwise ordered, be twelve o'clock, meridian.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, to consist of three members from each House, who "shall have the direction of the money appropriated for the purchase of books and maps, for the use of the two Houses of Congress;" and have appointed the committee on their part. They have also passed a resolution for the appointment of two chaplains to Congress during the present session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly: in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said resolutions were read, and severally concurred in by the House; and,

Mr. Seybert, Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, Mr. Irving, of New York, were appointed of the library committee on their part.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Bloomfield,

Resolved, That this House will, to day, proceed to the election of a chaplain on their part.

The House then proceeded, by ballot, to the election of a chaplain on their part; and, upon an examination, it appeared that the Rev. Burgess Allison was duly elected.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, November 19, 1818.

Three other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Jeremiah Nelson; from Pennsylvania, William Maclay, and from Kentucky, Richard C. Anderson, junr. appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of Henry Jilson, praying for a pension.

Mr. Williams, of Connecticut, presented a petition of Shubael P. Hibbard,

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Nicholas Welsh, respectively praying for an increase of their pensions.

Mr. Bloomfield presented a petition of James Heard, praying to be paid the sum of fifty dollars, with the interest thereon, which he deposited in the year 1783, with the paymaster general, with directions to pay the same to the treasurer of the society of Cincinnati, which he neglected to do, and the money now remains in the public Treasury.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Linn presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Sussex County, in the state of New Jersey, praying for the establishment of a post road.

**Ordered,** That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

**Ordered,** That the petition of John Gooding and James Williams, presented on the 17th April, 1818, be referred to the committee of Ways Means.

Mr. Forsyth presented a petition of the inspectors of the revenue, for the port and district of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, praying for an increase of their compensation.

**Ordered,** That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Philip C. S. Barbour, son and only heir of Col. Philip Barbour, deceased, stating that certain lands which were granted by the colonial government of Virginia to his father, on which he resided until his death, have been surveyed and laid off as public property, and a part thereof sold by the United States, and praying such relief in the premises as to Congress may seem meet and proper.

Mr. Scoot presented a petition of Auguste Brazeau; a petition of Thomas Caulk; a petition of Richard Caulk; a petition of Daniel Griffith; and a petition of Samuel Love, assignee of James Drybread, respectively praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

**Ordered,** That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

**Ordered,** That the petition of Robert Reed presented on the 27th January, 1818, be also referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Desha presented a petition of the Bracken Association of Baptists, composed of fourteen churches, by their delegates assembled in the county of Fleming in the state of Kentucky, in the month of September last, praying for the adoption of such regulations as may appear best calculated to promote the welfare and civilization of the Indian tribes, and that provision may be made for the education of their children in the English language.

**Ordered,** That the said petition be referred to the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to the Indian tribes.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, made a report, in part, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Governor of the state of Pennsylvania, enclosing the credentials of Samuel Moore, as a member of this House, in the room of Samuel D. Ingham, resigned, which was referred to the committee of Elections.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the Officers of the army of the United States, their grade, where stationed, the number on duty, and those on furlough, with the period of furlough; made in obedience to



the resolution of this House, of the 20th of April last; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Bassett be excused from serving on the committee on the Public Buildings, and that Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, be appointed of that committee in his place.

On motion of Mr Irving, of New York,

Resolved, That the committee on Naval Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending for the further term of five years the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers, sailors, and marines, who were killed on board of the armed ships of the United States, during the late war.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the territory of Michigan, a delegate in Congress; and,

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Beecher, and Mr. Patterson, were appointed the said committee.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the 4th resolution submitted at the last session, (December 9, 1817,) by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for staking the channel of Currituck sound, from the inlet to Powell's point.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing one or more additional military academies.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the assistant postmaster general.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the payment for property lost, or destroyed by the enemy; and for horses lost for want of forage, during the late war between the United States, and the Seminole nation of Indians.

Ordered, That the constitution of the state of Illinois, be referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Auderson, of Kentucky, Mr. Poindexter, and Mr. Hendricks, were appointed the said committee.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, November 20, 1818.

Two other members, to wit: from Connecticut, Samuel B. Sherwood; and from North Carolina, Joseph H. Bryan; appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Ruggles presented a petition of James Price, only son and executor of James Price deceased, praying to be allowed and paid the interest on the sum of one thousand dollars paid him in April last, being the amount of an advance, in specie, by his said father to General Gates, in the year 1778, for the public service.

Mr. Lawyer presented a petition of Henry House, praying to be paid the amount of a "final settlement note," with the interest thereon, given to him for his services in the revolutionary army, which was consumed by fire, at the burning and destruction of his house in the year 1789.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Henry Brown, praying compensation for his services as a volunteer in the French army, in this country in the revolutionary war; as also, for a pension in consideration of the wounds received in the said service.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Lucy Cottineau, widow of Dennis Cottineau, commander of the American frigate Pallas in the revolutionary war, praying for a pension in consideration of the rank and services of her deceased husband.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Oliver Pollock, detailing his services and sacrifices in the cause of his country in the revolutionary war, and of his just claims upon the government at this time, but inasmuch as he despairs of being able to substantiate them to the satisfaction of the House, and from his advanced age must soon cease to be a burden upon the generosity of his country, he prays for such support as a grateful recollection of his public services may suggest.

Mr. Edwards presented a petition of William Kersey, praying compensation for his services in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Cobb presented a similiar petition from John Black.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the petition of Dean Weymouth, presented on the 30th December, 1817, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Richards presented a petition of Cephas L. Rockwood, a captain in the army in the late war, praying that he may be allowed a credit for the sum of \$300 being the amount advanced by him to ensign Shield, a recruiting officer for the public service, who afterwards absconded, as also the sum of \$75 expended in collecting and marching the recruits of said Shield, to their general rendezvous.

Ordered, that the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Daniel Bickley and Catharine Clark, administratrix of John Clark deceased, praying to be paid the sum of 12,000 francs, being the amount of a bill of exchange drawn in favor of said Daniel Bickley and John Clark, by General Armstrong while minister in France, under the provisions of the convention for the purchase of Louisiana, which said bill was fraudulently sold by the American consul in Havre, and never came into the possession of the owners, and is now supposed to be entirely lost.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The following petitions heretofore presented, were again presented and referred to the committee of Claims, to wit:

By Mr. Anderson, of Pennsylvania, that of Samuel Walker, presented on the 30th December, 1817.

By Mr. Culbreth, that of William M'Donald, presented on the 2d April, 1818.

By Mr. Newton, that of William T. Nimmo, presented through the commissioner of claims, on the 10th December, 1817.

By Mr. Mercer, that of Edwin C. Brown, presented on the 14th March, 1818.

The Speaker presented a petition of William Robards, administrator of Pollard Keene; a petition of Thomas Rawlings, and John Crutcher; a petition of John Morton, and Vinson Johnson; a petition of Elizabeth Goodrich, and James Turner; a petition of John Grimes; and a petition of Samuel Q. Richardson, and John Haley; respectively praying compensation for horses and other property lost, while in the military service of the United States, during the late war.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Mobile, in the territory of Alabama, praying compensation for cattle and other property taken for the support of the troops of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Forsyth presented a petition of Joseph Wheaton, a deputy quarter master general, in the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, praying that the accounting officers may be authorized to audit and settle his accounts upon equitable principles, and to admit such vouchers as he may be enabled to produce, which he alledges to be correct, but are not in the form prescribed by said officers.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker presented a memorial and petition of Matthew Lyon, formerly a member of the House of Representatives, from the state of Vermont, detailing the circumstances attending his prosecution for sedition, in the year 1798, and complaining of the

unconstitutionality of the act under which he was prosecuted, of illegality in the proceedings of the court, and of the fine which he was compelled to pay, and the imprisonment he suffered; and also setting forth the iniquity of the motives which prompted the said prosecution; and praying that the amount of the said fine, with the interest thereon, may be granted to him, together with such sum as Congress may think a just indemnity for his being dragged from his home, his family, friends, and business, and thrown into a loathsome dungeon, where he suffered every species of hardship and indignity, which the most persecuting spirit could devise, for four months.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented a petition of John B. Reigner, one of the first settlers in the town of Gallipolis, in the year 1790, praying for a grant of vacant and unappropriated land within the state of Ohio, under the provisions of the act of the 3d March, 1795, as he was absent from the state at the time, and unable to avail himself of the provisions of the said act.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The following petitions heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, to wit:

By Mr. Poindexter, those of William Collins, presented on the 10th of February, 1815; William Daniel, presented on the 13th January, 1816; Ann Brashears, presented on the 19th February, 1816; John Snodgrass, on behalf of the heirs of Alexander Montgomery, presented on the 8th of March, 1816; and William Scott's heirs, presented on the 27th of January, 1817.

By Mr. Scott, those of John Rice Jones, presented on the 24th December, 1816, and Pierre Baribeau, presented on the 24th January, 1817.

Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky, from the committee appointed yesterday, on the constitution of the state of Illinois, reported a joint resolution, declaring the admission of the state of Illinois into the Union; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina.

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the duty on salt imported into the United States.

On motion of Mr. Rhea,

Resolved, That the message of the President of the United States, of the 18th of January, 1816, recommending the confirmation of certain grants or reservations of lands, made by the friendly Creek Indians to major general Andrew Jackson, Benjamin Hawkins, and others, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the emigration and settlement of the Choctaw tribe of Indians, on the lands of the United States, west of the river Mississippi, until they shall have acquired that right by treaty with the United States, founded on a cession of lands inhabited by said tribe of Indians, east of the river Mississippi.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, November 23, 1818.

Several other members to wit: from New York, Daniel Cruger, Peter H. Wendover. and Caleb Tompkins; from South Carolina, James Ervin, Elias Earle, and Eldred Simkins; appeared and took their seats.

On motion of Mr. Shaw.

Ordered, That the petition of Gad Worthington, presented on the 12th December, 1817, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means; and,

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

The petition of Ambrose Vasse, presented on the 5th December, 1817, was also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Wallers and Foster, stating, that they shipped a quantity of pepper in the month of August last, to a port in Russia, and a port in France, but that owing to the sickness of Mr. Foster, who was attending to the shipment, the time allowed for taking the necessary oaths elapsed, and that consequently, they are now unable to obtain their certificates of debenture, and praying relief from Congress.

Mr. Mason also presented a petition of Henry H. Tuckerman, also praying to be allowed certificates of debenture on a quantity of cassimere, returned by him to the manufacturer, in England, in consequence of their inferior quality, which debenture he is unable to obtain, because of his noncompliance with the requisites of the law, owing as he alleges, to a want of a knowledge of the said requisites, and to his being taken and compelled to serve on a jury which continued for thirty days.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Sherwood presented a petition of George Batterson, a soldier in the revolutionary army,

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Elcazer Porter, also a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Peter presented a petition of Philomen Griffith, an officer in the revolutionary army,

Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, presented a petition of Nancy Varnum; widow of Isaac Varnum who died upon his return home of disease contracted while engaged in a tour of militia duty in the late war with Great Britain,

Mr. Jones presented a petition of John Cock, a soldier in the revolutionary army, respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of John Cutter, praying to be allowed the bounty in land, and three months' extra pay, granted to the soldiers of the late army, which is denied him, in consequence of his having enlisted previous to the passage of the acts making the allowance aforesaid.

Mr. Taylor also presented a petition of the Reverend Aaron J. Bogge, praying for the renewal of the act, authorizing the appointment of chaplains in the army of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Reed presented a petition of Henry Hollingsworth, praying compensation for a horse lost in the military service, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Ervin, of South Carolina, presented a petition of Thomas Chapman, collector of the customs for the port and district of Georgetown, in South Carolina, praying to be allowed his proportion of the proceeds of the cargo of a vessel libelled within his district, and condemned for a breach of the revenue laws, which is withheld from him because of his having given testimony in the case.

The Speaker presented a document in support of the petition of the representatives of Pollard Keene.

Ordered, That the said petitions and document be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Ervin also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of South Carolina, praying for the establishment of a post rout.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hugh Nelson presented a memorial of William Lambert, accompanied with abstracts of astronomical calculations, to ascertain the longitude of the capitol in this city, from the observatory of Greenwich in England, soliciting the adoption of measures authorizing additional observations to be made to test the accuracy of the result already obtained; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Hugh Nelson, Mr. Folger, Mr. Seybert, Mr. Crawford, and Mr. Bateman, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of William Jackson, solicitor on behalf of the surviving officers of the revolu-

tionary army of the United States, praying that an act may be passed directing the accounting officers of the Treasury, to adjust the claim of each surviving officer of the said army, who, by the resolves of Congress, was entitled to half pay for life, calculating the amount of the principal of the arrearages, from the time of his reduction, and deducting therefrom, five years full pay; and the balance of arrearages, being thus ascertained, to issue a certificate, bearing interest, to the officer for the amount of said balance; and the officer to be thenceforth entitled to receive half pay, in half yearly payments, for, and during the time of his natural life, which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Simpkins, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Hopkinson, and Mr. Spencer, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Joseph Snowbush, a petition of Ebenezer Hubble, a petition of Lewis Sims, on behalf of himself, his wife, and Henry D. and Mary Tripp, heirs of Jacob Doggitt, deceased, a petition of Andrew Ramsey, junior, a petition of Andrew Burns, a petition of James Douden, a petition of Leonard Raper, a petition of John B. Placit, a petition of John M-Glaughlin, and others, heirs of John Higgins, deceased, a petition of Joan Baptiste St. Geme Bauvais, a petition of Etienne Govrot, of Veuve Etienne Parent, and of Antoine Dubreuil, heirs of Etienne Parent, deceased, a petition of Prudhomme Bolduc, and others, heirs of Etienne Bolduc, and of Etienne Lamarque, and others, heirs of Louis Bolduc, and a petition of Antoine Dubreuil, respectively praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the village of Cotté Sans Dessen, in the territory of Missouri, praying that a grant of land may be made to a certain Louis Roy, for his gallant and meritorious services in repelling the attack of a body of hostile Indians in the late war with Great Britain, by which the said village, was saved from capture and pillage.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims,

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed the Reverend John Clark, a chaplain to Congress, on their part, for the present session. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, be excused from serving on the committee upon the subject of the Public Buildings, and that Mr. Austin be appointed of the said committee.

Mr. Williams, from the committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of John Morton, and Vinson Johnson, and of John Crutcher, and Thomas Rawlings, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of James Heard, which was

read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the employment of a number of clerks (not exceeding twelve) in the Department of War.

Mr. Harrison, Mr. Pegram, and Mr. Comstock, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Shaw,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Albany, in the state of New York, by Spencertown, to Springfield in Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Rutherfordton, in North Carolina, through Mumfords' cove, by Harmons ville, to Mackeysville, in Burk county, North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved. That 2,500 additional copies of the President's message to this House, of the 17th instant, with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the members of the Senate, and House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, to prevent the discontinuance of suits in the district court of the United States, for the western district of Pennsylvania, on account of said court not having been holden on the day prescribed by law, and for other purposes.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting sundry documents showing the state and condition of the Navy Pension Fund, the sources from whence it arises, its amount, the manner in which it is collected, the sums received yearly from each state, since the 20th June, 1812; exhibited in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the 8th of April last; which was referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from William Cranch, chief justice of the circuit court of the United States, for the District of Columbia, transmitting a code of jurisprudence for the said district, prepared (by him) under the authority of the act of the 29th of April, 1816, entitled "An act authorizing the judges of the circuit court, and the attorney for the District of Columbia, to prepare a code of jurisdiction for the said district." which was referred to a select committee; and,



Mr. Herbert, Mr. Culbreth, Mr. Garnett, Mr. Williams, of Connecticut, and Mr. Adams, were appointed the said committee.

The Speaker communicated to the House a letter addressed to him by John Forsyth, containing a notice of the resignation of his seat in this House, as one of the members for the state of Georgia.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his annual report upon the state of the finances; which was ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed resolution, "declaring the admission of the state of Illinois into the Union," was read the third time;

And on the question, shall it pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....117,  
Nays.....34.

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Anderson, <i>Penn.</i> | Mr. Herbert,         | Mr. Patterson,        |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i>      | Hogg,                | Pegram,               |
| Austin,                    | Holmes,              | Peter,                |
| Baldwin,                   | Hopkinson,           | Pindall,              |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i>       | Hostetter,           | Pitkin,               |
| Bateman,                   | Hubbard,             | Pleasants,            |
| Bayley,                    | Irving, <i>N. F.</i> | Poindexter,           |
| Beecher,                   | Johnson, <i>Ky.</i>  | Porter,               |
| Bellinger,                 | Jones,               | Quarles,              |
| Bloomfield,                | Kinsey,              | Rhea,                 |
| Blount,                    | Kirtland,            | Rice,                 |
| Boden,                     | Lawyer,              | Robertson,            |
| Bryan,                     | Lewis,               | Rogers,               |
| Burwell,                   | Lincoln,             | Ruggles,              |
| Butler, <i>N. F.</i>       | Linn,                | Sampson,              |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>        | Little,              | Sawyer,               |
| Campbell,                  | McLane, <i>Del.</i>  | Schuyler,             |
| Claiborne,                 | McCoy,               | Scudder,              |
| Cobb,                      | Marchand,            | Settle,               |
| Colston,                   | Mason, <i>Mass.</i>  | Shaw,                 |
| Cook,                      | Mercer,              | Sherwood,             |
| Crawford,                  | Middleton,           | Silabee,              |
| Cruger,                    | Robert Moore,        | Simkins,              |
| Culbreth,                  | Samuel Moore,        | Slocumb,              |
| Cushman,                   | Mosely,              | S. Smith,             |
| Desha,                     | Mumford,             | Bal. Smith,           |
| Drake,                     | H. Nelson,           | Alex. Smyth,          |
| Edwards,                   | T. M. Nelson,        | J. S. Smith,          |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>        | New,                 | Speed,                |
| Floyd,                     | Newton,              | Spencer,              |
| Garnett,                   | Ogden,               | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i> |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>         | Ogle,                | Storrs,               |
| Harrison,                  | Owen,                | Stuart, <i>Md.</i>    |
| Hendricks,                 | Palmer,              | Tarr,                 |

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| Mr. Terrell,         | Mr. Upham,           | Mr. Whiteside,             |
| Terry,               | Walker, <i>N. C.</i> | Wilkin,                    |
| Tompkins,            | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>  | Williams, <i>Conn.</i>     |
| Trimble,             | Wallace,             | Williams, <i>N. F.</i>     |
| Tucker, <i>S. C.</i> | Westerlo,            | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 117 |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Adams,  | Mr. Hunter    | Mr. Rich,               |
| Bennett,    | Huntington,   | Richards,               |
| Boss,       | Livermore,    | Savage,                 |
| Clagett,    | W. Maclay,    | Seybert,                |
| Crafts,     | W. P. Maclay, | Southard,               |
| Darlington, | Merrill,      | Tallmadge,              |
| Ellicott,   | Morton.       | Taylor,                 |
| Folger,     | Murray,       | Wendover,               |
| Gage,       | Jer. Nelson,  | Whitman,                |
| Gilbert,    | Orr,          | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i>    |
| Hale,       | Reed,         | Wilson, <i>Penn.</i> 34 |
| Hasbrouck,  |               |                         |

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, November 24, 1818.

Another member, to wit: from Massachusetts, Samuel C. Allen, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Adams presented a petition of Gustavus Aldrick, praying an increase of the pension heretofore granted to him.

Mr. Rogers presented a petition of George Merrick, praying compensation for losses sustained by him while in the military service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Alexander Smyth presented a petition of James Gibson, praying for a pension.

Mr. Claiborne presented a petition of Sally Chetwood, widow of John Chetwood, who died after his return home from a tour of militia duty in the late war against the Seminole Indians, also praying for a pension.

Mr. Claiborne also presented a petition of Joseph Ligon, praying for an increase of his pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary claims.

On motion of Mr. Bloomfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Gibbs, presented on the 7th of January, 1817, and the petition of John Polhemus, presented on the 13th December, 1815, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Rogers,

Ordered, That the petition of John Staples, presented on the 29th January, 1818, be also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry merchants and mechanics of Boston, importers and manufacturers of copper, stating, that owing to an ambiguity in the existing law, duties are exacted on *plate copper*, meaning still copper, and praying that an act may be passed specially exempting that species of copper from the payment of duties upon its importation into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Mason also presented a petition from sundry surviving officers of the revolutionary army, and a petition of sundry inhabitants of the United States, on behalf of the said officers, praying to the same effect with the petition of Wm. Jackson, presented yesterday, which petitions were referred to the committee appointed on the petition of the said Jackson.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of Samuel Denton, one of the late firm of Denton, Little, & Co. merchants of New York, praying that the duties paid by the said firm on a quantity of copper bolts imported in 1807, may be refunded.

Ordered, that the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of Joseph Jaquays, praying that the benefit of the act of the last session, providing for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service, in the revolutionary war, may be extended to him.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Samuel Bennett, praying for a pension.

Mr. Drake presented a petition of Bartlett Hinds, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying for an increase of his pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on revolutionary pensions.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of Samuel, Jeremiah, and John Peabody, praying that such part of the proceeds of a quantity of cotton which was found at sea, in the year 1806, by the crew of their vessel, and brought into the port of Salem, and there proceeded against, and sold, by order of the court, as has been decreed to the United States, may be relinquished to them for the benefit of themselves and the persons composing the crew of the vessel at the time the said cotton was found.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Gilman Fulsom, a petition of Gilman Fulsom, jr. and of Ezekiel Fulsom, and a petition of Gasper Parrish, respectively praying compensation for their buildings on the Niagara frontier, destroyed by the British forces in the late war.

Mr. Comstock presented a similar petition of Heman B. Potter.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of Catharine McNiff, praying compensation for damages committed on her house, in Detroit, while the same was in the military occupancy of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Beecher also presented the petition of Richard Smith, Joseph Ricotte, Joseph Campau, Henry M'Gee, Louis Lognon, and Martin Bennett, volunteer cavalry, praying compensation for their horses which they lost at the surrender of Detroit, by general Hull, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of Lewis Bandin, Alexis Trouillet, and Louis Dolive, praying compensation for their cattle taken for the subsistence of the troops of the United States, in the Mobile country, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

The following petitions heretofore presented, were again presented and referred to the committee of Claims, to wit:

By Mr. Merrill, That of Isaac Clark, presented on the 3d April, 1816.

By Mr. Lawyer, that of captain Derick Van Veigheten, presented on 20th January, 1818.

By Mr. Smith, of Maryland, that of Bowie and Kurtz, and others, presented on the 31st December, 1817.

By Mr. Garnett, that of Joseph Janney, transmitted by the commissioner of claims, on the 10th December, 1817.

Mr. Palmer presented a petition of Harvey Wakefield, stating that while acting as an assistant to a revenue officer, on the lines between the United States and Canada, in the late war with Great Britain, he was, whilst in the discharge of his official duty, captured by a body of hostile Indians, and remained a prisoner with the British till discharged under the treaty of peace, and praying compensation for the time he remained in prison, as also, for his sufferings while in captivity.

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of William Barnett, a soldier in the late war with Great Britain, praying for a grant of land which is now denied him in consequence of his having enlisted previous to the passage of the acts, allowing a bounty in land to the soldiers of the late army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Ann Key, widow of Philip B. Key, deceased, late of the District of Columbia, praying that an act may be passed, authorizing a sale of such part of the real estate of said deceased, as is within this District, which she is unable to do in consequence of the non-age of several of the heirs of said Key.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker presented a petition of Isaac Murphy, stating that upon a survey of the public lands in the territory of Missouri, the tract to which he has a pre-emption right, has fallen within the section reserved for schools, and praying that other lands may be assigned for schools, and that he may be permitted to hold the tract on which he now resides.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Louis Wm. Du Bourg, Roman catholic bishop of Louisiana, praying that the title to a tract of land in the territory of Missouri, granted by the Spanish government to the late vicar general of Louisiana, for the use of the Roman catholic church at St. Genevieve, may be confirmed to him and his successors in office, as the representative of the said vicar general.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Matthew Lyon, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Nelson also reported a bill concerning the western district court of Pennsylvania, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Hopkinson, from the same committee, reported a bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Williams, of North-Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Samuel Q. Richardson and John Haley, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee appointed yesterday, by leave of the House, reported a bill to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-day.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee appointed on the 19th instant, reported a bill authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory, to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Taylor offered a joint resolution authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of giving effect, by law, to an act passed by the general assembly of the state of Missis-

issippi, entitled, "An act making appropriations for the use of the Natchez hospital."

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell be appointed of the committee on Foreign Affairs, vice Mr. Forsyth resigned.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Lumberton in North Carolina, by the following places, to wit: Philadelphus, Cowper Hill, M·Eachin's Bridge, Lumber river to Montpelier; thence by Stewartsville, Queensdale, and Alfordsville to Lumberton.

On motion of Mr. Garnett,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the post route from the Bowling Green, in the county of Caroline, in Virginia, by Golansville to Oxford, in the same county.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Richard Bland Lee, late commissioner of claims, transmitting a letter from Jacob Dox, soliciting compensation for his services as agent on behalf of the United States, in the taking of evidence in certain claims of great magnitude, on the Niagara frontier of the state of New York; which letters were referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the committee appointed at the last session of Congress, to inquire into the official conduct of certain judges of the courts of the United States, be discharged from so much of their duty as relates to the conduct of Wm. Stephens, who has resigned his office of judge of the court of the United States for the district of Georgia.

The House then proceeded in the consideration of the unfinished business of the last session, and resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the reports of the committee of Ways and Means on the petitions of Taylor & Walker, and Daniel Manley; and after some time spent thereip Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the agreement of the committee of the whole to the resolutions recommended by the committee of Ways and Means, which said resolutions were then concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the the Allegheny mountains; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speakes resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the house, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, November 25, 1848.

Several other members, to wit: from Virginia, John Tyler, James Johnson, and George F. Strother; and from South Carolina, William Lowndes, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of William Rideout.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of Abel Sholes, respectively praying for an increase of pension.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of Mary Brower, and others, heirs of Jeremiah Brower, deceased, praying remuneration for sundry houses and other property destroyed by the American army in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Middleborough, in Plymouth county, and state of Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of Sally Bates, widow of Robert Bates, seaman, who was killed in the engagement between the United States frigate Chesapeake, and the British frigate Shannon, praying for a continuance of the pension heretofore granted to her.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of Aaron Porter, praying compensation for his attendance as a surgeon, on John Evans, a seaman on board a private armed vessel, who was mortally wounded in an engagement at sea during the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Richards presented a petition of Samuel Pratt, praying compensation for his property which was destroyed by the British forces upon their invasion of the Niagara frontier in the late war.

Mr. Spencer presented a similar petition of Ralph M. Pomeroy.

Mr. Reed presented a petition of Richard Frisby, praying compensation for his property destroyed by the British forces in the late war, because the same was occupied by the militia in the service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Slocumb,

Ordered, That the petition of William Fisher, presented on the 27th Feb. 1848, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Richards presented a petition of Josiah Jordon, praying that the provisions of the act of the last Session of Congress, providing for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, may be extended to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of Harman Hendricks, praying that certain duties paid by him on copper imported into the United States, may be refunded, as the supreme court of the United States have decided that the said copper was not, at the time of importation, subject to duty.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of the President, managers and company, of the Milford and Oswego Turnpike Road, praying that an act may be passed, authorizing a subscription on behalf of the United States, to the capital stock of said company.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Henry Brown, Eleazer Porter, George Batterson and Philemon Griffith, and that they be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and that the said committee be also discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Nancy Varnum, and John Cook, and that the former be referred to the committee on Military Affairs, and the latter to the Secretary of War.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Edwin C. Brown, and that it be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Wm. Kersey, and John Black, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, also made a report on the petition of Lucy Cotti-neau, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of William T. Nimmo, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of the said William T. Nimmo, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Silsbee,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing, in cases of exportation of goods entitled to debenture, the same time (of twenty days) for completing the export *entry and oath*, as is allowed by the act of the 20th April last, for executing the export *bonds*, in lieu of ten days



within which it is now required that the said oath and entry shall be completed.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed forthwith to prepare and report a bill granting pensions to the individuals in whose favor a bill for that purpose passed this House at the last session, and at the rates, and from the periods, in the same bill prescribed.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Spencer, which was read and ordered to lie on the table, viz:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inspect the books, and examine into the proceedings of the Bank of the United States, and to report whether the provisions of its charter have been violated or not; and particularly to report, whether the instalments of the capital stock of the said bank, have been paid in gold and silver coin, and in the funded debt of the United States, or whether they were, in any instance, and to what amount, paid by the proceeds of the notes of stockholders, discounted for that purpose; and also to report the names of those persons who now own, or who have owned, any part of the capital stock of the said bank, and the amount of discounts, if any, to such persons respectively, and when made: and also to report whether the said bank, or any of its offices of discount and deposits, have refused to pay the notes of the bank in specie on demand, and have refused to receive in payment of debts due to them or either of them, the notes of the bank, and whether the bank or any of its offices of discount, or any of their officers or agents have sold drafts upon other offices, or upon the bank, at an advance, and have received a premium for such drafts: Also, the amount of the notes issued payable at Philadelphia, and at each office of discount respectively, and the amount of capital assigned to each office, together with the amount of the public deposits made at the bank and at each office, and an account of the transfers thereof, and the total amount of bills and notes discounted at the bank and its several offices since its organization; that the said committee have leave to meet in the city of Philadelphia, and to remain there as long as may be necessary; that they shall have power to send for persons and papers, and to employ the requisite clerks, the expense of which shall be audited and allowed by the committee of Accounts, and paid out of the contingent fund of this House.

An engrossed resolution authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage, was read the third time and passed.

An engrossed bill entitled, "An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegheny mountains," was read the third time; and a motion was made by Mr. Floyd, that the said bill be recommitted; which was rejected.

The question was then taken, shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said resolution and bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee on the whole, on the bill to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same with an amendment, which was concurred in by the House, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill explanatory of the act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States in the city of Washington; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported that the committee had made some progress therein and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill concerning the western district court of Pennsylvania; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same with amendments, the first of which was concurred in and the last disagreed to by the House, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois territory; and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported, that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, November 26, 1818.

Another member, to wit:

From Ohio, Samuel Herrick appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of Hannah Ring, wife of Jonathan Ring, who is deprived of the use of his reason, and consequently incapable of taking the oath necessary to entitle him to a pension, and praying that a pension may be granted to her said husband in consideration of his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Hunter presented a petition of David Perry, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Sampson,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties

of Plymouth and Barnstable, presented on the 3d of February, 1818, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Merrill presented a petition of John S. Rumrill, author of the Drummers' Instructor, or Martial Musician, praying that his system may be examined, and adopted in the armies of the United States; and that such number of his books may be purchased for the use of the army as may be deemed sufficient.

Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, presented a petition of James Woody, stating, that he enlisted in the army in the year 1814, to serve during the war, but that owing to inadvertence in the officers he was put on the muster rolls as having enlisted for five years, that at the time of his enlistment he was a minor, that he faithfully served to the first of March, 1816, when he was discharged as a minor, in consequence of which, he is denied his bounty in land, and praying for a grant of the said bounty.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Palmer presented a petition of Melancthon L. Woolsey, praying compensation for his property destroyed by the forces of the United States, in the town of Plattsburgh, in the state of New York, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That the petition of John J. Johnson, Samuel Plumb, Ralph Patcham, Samuel Boutin, Hannah Bevoise, and Margaret Duffield, presented on the 16th of February, 1818, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Jesse Davis, a captain in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed and paid his commutation of half pay, which he alleges never to have received.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of William Jackson, solicitor for the surviving officers of the revolutionary army.

Mr. Middleton presented a petition of Catharine Davis, Jane Hayden, and John Watson, heirs of John Watson, deceased, praying that the title to a tract of land in the state of Mississippi, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker presented the petition of Margaret Edmondston, heretofore presented on the 2d of March, 1818, which was referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of the legislature of the territory of Alabama, stating that whilst a certain Tandy Walker was in the service of the United States, as a spy, in the late war with the Creek Indians, he received several wounds, which disable him from

obtaining a livelihood for himself and family by labor, and praying that such relief may be afforded to said Walker, as in the wisdom and justice of Congress may seem meet and proper; which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Crowell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Terrill, Mr. Stewart, of North Carolina, and Mr. Earle, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Little presented a petition of James M. Bulgin, stating that he is a native born citizen of the United States, and was impressed into the British service, in which he was compelled to continue for nearly five years, when owing to injuries which he received by an explosion of gun powder, he was discharged, and returned to the United States at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain; that he served on board the public and private armed vessels of the United States during that war; and that owing to the injuries he sustained by the explosion aforesaid, he is now unable to support himself and family, and is reduced to extreme poverty, and praying such relief as may be in the power of Congress to grant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill concerning invalid pensions, which was read the first and second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to day.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Mobile country, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Samuel Walker, which was read: when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of the said Samuel Walker, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill extending the term of half pay pensions to the widows and children of certain officers, seamen, and marines, who died in the public service; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives, be directed to furnish each standing committee of the House, with a volume of the laws of the United States, having relation to the public lands.

Mr. Campbell submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table for one day.

Resolved, That the standing rules of this House, be amended, by rescinding rule fifteen, which is in these words:

*"After six days from the commencement of a second, or subsequent session, of any Congress, all bills, resolutions and reports, which originated in this House, and at the close of the next preceding session, remained undetermined, shall be resumed and acted on, in the same manner as if an adjournment had not taken place."*

On motion of Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report to this House, a bill granting a pension to major general John Stark; and.

Mr. Butler, of N. H. Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Bloomfield, were appointed the said committee.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, which was read, and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States.*

I lay before the House of Representatives, a report from the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 28th of January last, requiring a statement of the expenditures upon the public buildings, and an account of their progress to be annually exhibited to Congress.

JAMES MUNROE.

November 26, 1818.

Ordered, That the said message and documents be referred to the committee on the Public Buildings.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War.

An act concerning the western district court of Pennsylvania; and,

An act concerning invalid pensions;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid and that the clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill entitled "An act to provide for the removal of the Library of Congress, to the north wing of the Capitol;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-day.

On motion of Mr. Middleton,

Ordered, That the bill reported at the last session supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States,"

passed the 2d of March, 1807, be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to the unlawful introduction of slaves into the United States.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the removal of the Library of Congress to the north wing of the capitol;" and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill granting to Mehitabel Cole, the land therein mentioned; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. H. Nelson reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of whole on the bill relative to the claim of the representative of the late Caron de Beaumarchais; and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported, that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

**FRIDAY, November 27, 1818.**

Another member to wit: from Virginia, William Lee Ball, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Parrott presented a petition of Thomas Hook, a noncommissioned officer in the late war with Great Britain, praying for a pension.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of Luther Gregory,

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of Park Avery,

Mr. Crafts presented a petition of Calvin Dike, respectively praying for an increase of pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The following petitions heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims:

By Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, that of John Taylor, presented on the 19th of February, 1818.

By Mr. Speaker, that of Edward Dean, presented on the 13th of April, 1818.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Ordered, That the petition of the Marine Society of Portland, and of sundry inhabitants of Portland, presented on the 4th of January, 1818, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of James and John Maher, praying compensation for merchandise and other property destroyed by the British forces, upon their invasion of the Niagara frontier in the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That the petition of Elias Parks, presented on the 15th December, 1817, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of Charles Gratiot, and a petition of Victoire Gratiot, and John P. Cabanne, on behalf of the heirs of Charles Gratiot, deceased; respectively praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Nathaniel Amory, of Boston, and of John Carrere and Henry Messonier, of Baltimore, claimants of land, in the state of Louisiana, derived under titles from the baron de Bastrop, praying that their said titles may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of John A. Le Maitre, merchant of Charleston, South Carolina, praying permission to export a quantity of playing cards with benefit of drawback, which were shipped to him by a friend in France, and for the duties on which he gave his bond, not knowing at the time, that the re-exportation thereof was prohibited by law.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of Gad Worthington, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Louis Baudin, Alexis Trouillet and Louis Dolive, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be rejected.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Resolved, That the testimony taken under commissions issued by Richard Bland Lee, Esq. Commissioner of Claims, and all other testimony in relation to the claims for remuneration for property captured and destroyed on the Niagara frontier, in the late war,

which were before the committee of Claims during the last session, be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether it be expedient to make any amendment in the laws which regulate the coins of the United States, and foreign coins; and,

Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Seybert, Mr. Nelson, of Massachusetts, Mr. Irving, and Mr. Harrison, were appointed the said committee.

On Motion of Mr. Thomas M. Nelson,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act passed at the last session of Congress, approved the 14th of April, 1818, entitled "An act regulating the staff of the army," so as to do away the offices of surgeon general, and assistant surgeon general, and to have two surgeons general, corresponding to the present office of assistant surgeon general, with their present pay, emoluments and duty, who shall make their returns through the adjutant and inspector general, to the Secretary of War, as they now do through the surgeon general.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the names, and places of residence, of the several persons placed upon the pension list under the act of the last session, providing for persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war, made in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the 20th of April last, which was ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Spencer, that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him in relation to the Bank of the United States;

Which motion was rejected by the House.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill relative to the claim of the representative of the Caron de Beaumarchais; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the Secretary for the Department of War be instructed, in addition to the report of revolutionary pensioners, made to this House in pursuance of a resolution of the last session, to designate, on the list thereof, the line, corps, or vessel, to which



the pensioner belonged, the time of his service, and if an officer, his rank in the army or navy.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, November 30, 1818.

Two other members to wit: from Rhode Island, James B. Mason; and from Georgia, Joel Abbott; appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Clagett presented a petition of Ebenezer Fletcher, praying for an increase of pension.

Mr. Gage presented a petition of John L. Polereczky, a citizen of the United States, and who was an officer in the French forces in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war, praying that the benefits of the act passed at the last session of Congress, for the relief of certain persons who served in the land and naval forces of the United States in the revolutionary war, may be extended to him.

Mr. Adams presented a petition of Timothy Sparhawk, and a petition of George Alverson;

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of Levi B. Stewart, respectively praying for pensions.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Benjamin Simmons, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The following petitions heretofore presented, were again presented, and also referred to the committee on Pension and Revolutionary Claims, viz:

By Mr. Pindall, those of Samuel Brooke Beall, presented on the 22d March, 1796, and 7th January, 1802.

By Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, that of Mary Newton, presented on the 11th of December, 1816.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of William Herrick, praying to be placed on the pension list, under the act of the last session, providing for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of Isaiah and John Townsend, Nathaniel Adams, E. F. Backus, and John Converse, manufacturers of shovels and spades in the city of New York, praying that the duties on those articles imported into the United States may be increased, and changed from an advalorem to a specific duty.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Thomas M. Nelson presented a petition of Edward Baker, an alien, stating, that a certain Francis Place, of England, discovered an important improvement in gun locks, by which they are rendered perfectly secure at the *half bent*; which said improvement has been transferred to him by the discoverer thereof, and praying that a patent therefor may be granted to him, and that it may be introduced into the army of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of sundry officers of the revolutionary army, now residing in the state of South Carolina, praying to the same effect with the petition of William Jackson, which was referred to the committee appointed on the petition of the said Jackson.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Bernard Pratte, and a petition of Francis Valle, praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made to this House on the 2d of March last, in obedience to a resolution instructing him to report, whether any, and if any, what alterations or modifications are required to be made, in the emoluments of officers of the customs, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Elizabeth Goodrich and James Turner, and of William Robards, administrator of Pollard Keene, deceased, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Mary Brower, and others, and John Staples, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Mary Brower, and others, ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That John Staples have leave to *withdraw* his petition and documents.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of Denton, Little, & Co. and of Harman Hendricks, of New York, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the time for taking the oath in cases of exportation of merchandise entitled to drawback, reported a bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the

collection of duties or imports and tonnage," passed the 2d of March, 1779, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Smith also made a report on the petition of sundry merchants and copper smiths of Boston, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved That it is *inexpedient* to grant the prayer of the petition, and that the petitioners have leave to *withdraw* their petitions.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Robert Reed, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Butler, from the committee appointed on the 26th, reported a bill for the relief of major general John Stark, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report in relation to the Claims of Daniel Davis, Elias Davis, David Holton, John Dougherty, and Abraham Le Foy, for pensions; and of Jonathan D. Carrier, Jehiel Judd, and Susannah Machin, for increase of pension; made in compliance with the 3d & 5th sections of the act of the 10th of April, 1806, which was referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be authorized and directed to contract with any person or persons for the printing of two hundred and fifty copies of the code of jurisprudence for the District of Columbia, prepared and reported to Congress at the present session, by the chief justice of the said district.

Mr. Whitman submitted the following resolution, which was read and *rejected*.

Resolved, That the committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the propriety of granting pensions to such of the soldiers of the revolution as served on continental establishment, at least one year in the whole, though at different periods of the war, and as would have been entitled to the same, by virtue of the act of last session, had they continued in service uninterruptedly for the term of nine months.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act granting to Mehitabel Cole, the lands therein mentioned," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the resolution submitted on the 25th instant, by Mr. Spencer, in relation to the Bank of the United States; and,

On motion of Mr. McLane,

The said resolution was amended by striking out these words: "and particularly to report, whether the instalments of the capital stock of the said bank, have been paid in gold and silver coin, and in the funded debt of the United States, or whether they were, in any instance, and to what amount, paid by the proceeds of the notes of stockholders, discounted for that purpose; and also to report the names of those persons who now own, or who have owned, any part of the capital stock of the said bank, and the amount of discounts, if any, to such persons respectively, and when made; and also to report whether the said bank, or any of its offices of discount and deposite, have refused to pay the notes of the bank in specie on demand, and have refused to receive in payment of debts due to them or either of them, the notes of the bank, and whether the bank or any of its offices of discount, or any of their officers or agents have sold drafts upon other offices, or upon the bank, at an advance, and have received a premium for such drafts: Also, the amount of the notes issued payable at Philadelphia, and at each office of discount respectively, and the amount of capital assigned to each office, together with the amount of the public depositories made at the bank and at each office, and an account of the transfers thereof, and the total amount of bills and notes discounted by the bank and its several offices since its organization."

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

The said resolution was further amended, by inserting the words *to report thereon*, after the words *United States*, where they first occur.

A motion was then made by Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, further to amend the said resolution by striking out these words, viz: "*that the said committee have leave to meet in the city of Philadelphia, and to remain there as long as may be necessary;*"

And the question being taken so to amend;

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....34,  
Nays.....115.

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

|               |                 |                |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Mr. Abbot,    | Mr. Darlington, | Mr. H. Nelson, |
| Allen, Vt.    | Desha,          | Newton,        |
| Barbour, Vir. | Earle,          | Owen,          |
| Bayley,       | Garnett,        | Pindall,       |
| Bryan,        | Hale,           | Rice,          |
| Butler, N. H. | Lowndes,        | Richards,      |
| Clagett,      | Middleton,      | Settle,        |
| Cobb,         | Morton,         | Sherwood,      |
| Crafts,       | Mumford,        | Silsbee,       |
| Cushman,      | Jer. Nelson,    | J. S. Smith,   |

Mr. Southard,  
Storrs,

Mr. Strother,

Mr. Whitman.

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Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,  
Anderson, *Penn.*  
Anderson, *Ken.*  
Austin,  
Baldwin,  
Ball,  
Bassett,  
Bateman,  
Beecher,  
Bellinger,  
Bennett,  
Blount,  
Boden,  
Boss,  
Burwell,  
Butler, *Lou.*  
Campbell,  
Claiborne,  
Colston,  
Comstock,  
Cook,  
Crawford,  
Cruger,  
Drake,  
Edwards,  
Ellicott,  
Ervin, *S. C.*  
Floyd,  
Gilbert,  
Hall, *N. C.*  
Harrison,  
Hendricks,  
Herrick,  
Hogg,  
Holmes,  
Hopkinson,  
Hostetter,  
Hubbard,  
Hunter

Mr. Huntington,  
Irving, *N. Y.*  
Johnson, *Va.*  
Johnson, *Ky.*  
Jones,  
Kinsey,  
Lawyer,  
Lincoln,  
Linn,  
Little,  
M'Lane, *Del.*  
W. Maclay,  
W. P. Maclay,  
M'Coy,  
Marchand,  
Mason, *Mass.*  
Mercer,  
Merrill,  
Robert Moore,  
Samuel Moore,  
Mosely,  
Murray,  
T. M. Nelson,  
New,  
Ogden,  
Ogle,  
Orr,  
Parrott,  
Patterson,  
Pegram,  
Pitkin,  
Pleasants,  
Poindexter,  
Porter,  
Reed,  
Rhea,  
Rich,  
Robertson,

Mr. Rogers,  
Ruggles,  
Sampson,  
Savage,  
Sawyer,  
Schuyler,  
Scudder,  
Seybert,  
Shaw,  
Simkins,  
Slocumb,  
Bal. Smith,  
Alex. Smyth,  
Speed,  
Spencer,  
Stewart, *N. C.*  
Tallmadge,  
Tarr,  
Taylor,  
Terrell,  
Terry,  
Tompkins,  
Townsend,  
Trimble,  
Tucker, *S. C.*  
Tyler,  
Walker, *N. C.*  
Walker, *Ken.*  
Wallace,  
Wendover,  
Westerlo,  
Whiteside,  
Wilkin,  
Williams, *Con.*  
Williams *N. F.*  
Williams, *N. C.*  
Wilson, *Mass.*  
Wilson, *Penn.* 115

The question was then taken to agree to the said resolution as amended, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inspect the books and examine into the proceedings of the Bank of the United States, to report thereon, and to report whether the provisions of its charter have been violated or not; that the said committee have leave to meet in the city of Philadelphia, and to remain there as long as may be necessary; that they shall have power to send for persons

and papers, and to employ the requisite clerks, the expense of which shall be audited and allowed by the committee of Accounts, and paid out of the contingent fund of this House;

And passed in the affirmative; and,

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Lowndes, Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Lane, Mr. Bryan, and Mr. Tyler, were appointed the said committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government," in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill relative to the claim of the representative of Caron de Beaumarchais; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported, that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

**TUESDAY, December 1, 1818.**

Mr. Allen, of Vermont, presented a petition of Daniel Hosford, praying that the benefits of the act of the last session of Congress, providing for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war, may be extended to him, which are denied him because he did not serve for the space of nine months at any one time.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Wendover,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Moss, presented on the 29th day of December, 1817, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Thomas Pritchard, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Wendover,

Ordered, That the petition of Jacob Van Tassel, presented on the 24th of February, 1818, be also referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Edward Rowland, praying to be paid for a horse he lost while engaged in the military service of the United States, in the year 1814.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

The following petitions heretofore presented, were again presented, and also referred to the committee of Claims, viz:

By Mr. Wendover, that of James Caze and John Richaud, presented on the 12th of December, 1816, and 19th December, 1817.

By Mr. Herrick, that of Robert Bay, James Clark, C. Dear-dorff, George Rummell, Christian Espich, and Jacob Espich, presented on the 2d of March, 1818.

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of John B. C. Lucas, and Clement B. Penrose, late land commissioners in the territory of Missouri, praying to be allowed additional compensation for their services in the capacity aforesaid, which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Robert Moore, Mr. Hendricks, and Mr. Sampson, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Middleton presented a petition of the marquis de Vienne, stating, that he served as a colonel in the service of the United States, in the revolutionary war; that he was then rich and refused to receive any compensation, but that, having been reduced to poverty by the revolutions in France, he is now compelled to seek a remuneration for his said services, from Congress, and praying to be paid such sum as may be thought a just equivalent therefor; which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Middleton, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Colston, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Edwin C. Brown, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the emigration and settlement of the Choctaw tribe of Indians on the lands of the United States, west of the river Mississippi, until they shall have acquired that right by treaty, made a report thereon, which was read; when,

Mr. Poindexter reported a bill to prohibit the Choctaw tribe of Indians from settling or hunting on the lands of the United States, west of the Mississippi, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Friday next.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Henry Hollingsworth, and of Richard Smith, and others, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, ought not to be granted.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that they had examined an enrolled bill entitled "An act to provide for the removal of the Library of Congress to the north wing of the Capitol;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

Mr. Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate there with.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the resolution "declaring the admission of the state of Illinois into the Union."

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary to be made in the act, entitled "An act to amend the act entitled an act making further provision for military services during the late war, and for other purposes."

On motion of Mr. Ervin, of South Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing, by law, a post route from Wilmington, in North Carolina, along the sea by the way of Conwayborough in South Carolina, to Georgetown, in the same state.

On motion of Mr. Folger,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to William Coffin and others, owners of the brig *Bonif*, a drawback of the duties on a quantity of whale oil imported from Patagonia and Brazil, in said brig, in the month of June, 1817, and which has since been exported out of the United States.

Mr. Linn submitted the following resolution, which was read and rejected:

Resolved, That the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to the unlawful introduction of slaves into the United States, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law, prohibiting the migration or transportation of slaves or servants of colour, from any state to any other part of the United States, in cases where, by the laws of the United States, such transportation is prohibited.

On motion of Mr. Gage,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the postmaster at Augusta, in the District of Maine, a further compensation for his services.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the postmaster at Hampton, in Virginia.



On motion of Mr. Colston,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, a post road from the town of Hancock, in Washington county, Maryland, to Bath, in the county of Berkely, in Virginia.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general John Stark," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government," was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill relative to the claim of the representative of Caron de Beaumarchais; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 2, 1818.

Another member, to wit: from Pennsylvania, Joseph Heister, appeared and took his seat

A new member, to wit: from North Carolina, William Davidson, elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Daniel M. Forney, also appeared and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

The following petitions heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the committee of Ways and Means, viz:

By Mr. Holmes, that of Caleb B. Hall, and others, presented on the 21st January, 1818.

By Mr. Robertson, that of William M. Bride, presented on the 10th of February, 1818.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Topsham, Leeson, Durham, Freeport, Bowdoin, Litchfield, Gardiner and Hallowell, in the District of Maine, praying for the establishment of one, and the discontinuance of another, post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Peter presented a petition of Rebecca Hodgson, widow of Joseph Hodgson, deceased, in behalf of herself, and the children of the said Joseph Hodgson, praying compensation for a house, which was destroyed by fire, while used as an office for the War Department, in the year 1801.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of Levi Chapman, praying compensation for three horses lost in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

The following petitions heretofore presented, were again presented, and also referred to the committee of Claims, viz:

By Mr. Silsbee, that of Jeremiah Lee, presented on the 4th of April, 1818.

By Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, that of James Doyle, presented on the 26th of December, 1811.

By Mr. Strother, that of Jacob Hittle, presented on the 10th April, 1818.

On motion of Mr. Marchand,

Ordered, That the petition of John Wells, presented on the 12th of February, 1818, be referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Marchand, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. R. Moore, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Strother presented a petition of Joseph Anderson, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Reed presented a petition of Johann Henry Tilge, stating that he has discovered a method of stiffening hats, and rendering them water proof, but that not being a citizen of the United States, he is unable to obtain a patent for his discovery, and praying that the proper officers may be authorized and directed to grant him a patent for the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented a petition of Peter Cadwell, and James Britten, stating that they are natives of Great Britain, and, intending to remove to the United States, they in the month of July, 1812, shipped a part of their property which arrived in New York, where it was seized, libelled, condemned, and sold; that owing to the war, which immediately after the said shipment, was known in Great Britain, they were unable to come to the United States, until the year 1817; that they have purchased public lands, and intend to become citizens as soon as the laws will permit, and praying the amount of the sales of their said property may be refunded to them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the petition of Stephen Henderson, and Elliot Hackley, presented on the 13th February, 1816, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan be excused from serving on the committee appointed to examine into the proceedings of the Bank of the United States, and that Mr. Burwell be appointed of the said committee.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of John Polereczky, George Alverson, Timothy Sparhawk, and James Gibson, and that they be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Claims; also, that they be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Luther Gregory, Edward Dean, Levi B. Stewart, and Thomas Hook, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the duty on imported salt, made a report thereon, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Smith also made reports on the petitions of Jon B. Le Maitre, and the inspectors of the customs for the port of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, which were read; and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of John B. Le Maitre, ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That it is *inexpedient* to make any change in the emoluments of the inspectors, and that the petitioners have leave to *withdraw* their petition.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of John Grimes, Thomas Chapman, and Jasper Parish, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That John Grimes have leave to *withdraw* his petition, and that the prayer of the petitions of Thomas Chapman, and Jasper Parrish, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill authorizing the establishment of a national armory, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday.

Mr. Johnson also reported a bill for the relief of Joseph Wheaton, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an estimate of the appropriations proposed for the service of the year 1819, which was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from Edward de Kraft, printer to Congress, remonstrating against the resolution passed by this House on 30th ult. authorizing the Clerk to contract with "any person or persons," for the printing of the code of Juris-

prudence for the District of Columbia, and claiming, as a matter of right, the printing of the said code; which letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of continuing the act passed at the last session, entitled "An act to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands, for failure in completing the payments thereon:" *And also*, to inquire what further relief it may be proper to give to the persons who are indebted to the United States, for the purchase of lands.

On motion of Mr. Tallmadge,

Resolved, That the committee on Naval Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the amount of the security to be hereafter required from *navy agents*: *And also*, requiring security to a greater amount from those now in office.

On motion of Mr. Simkins,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of such postmasters as are on the main post route from Washington City, by Augusta, in Georgia, to New Orleans, where there are cross mails, and whose compensations do not exceed a certain sum.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to increase the number of clerks in the War Department." Also, the resolution "authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage;" with an amendment to the latter, in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The said amendment was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that they had examined a resolution, "declaring the admission of the state of Illinois into the Union;" and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report of the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made at the last session, on the petition of William Lawrence: Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill relative to the claim of the representative of Caron de

Beaumarchais; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported, that the committee had made further progress therein and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 3, 1818.

Another member to wit: from Pennsylvania, Levi Pawling, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Ordered, That all petitions presented to the House and committed at the last session, from the consideration of which, without having decided on them, for the want of time, the several committees to which they were referred, were discharged, be considered as again referred to the said committees, respectively, on the suggestion of any member, to the Clerk of the House.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that they had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to increase the number of Clerks in the Department of War;" and an enrolled resolution, "authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage;" and found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the said bill and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of Josiah Cummings, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Caleb Brooks, stating that he was born in the state of Massachusetts, and previous to the commencement of the revolutionary war, he removed into the British province of Nova Scotia, where he acquired a valuable real estate; that in the year 1775, he was required to take the oath of allegiance to the British government, which refusing to do, in consequence of his attachment to the cause of his native country, he was compelled to abandon his property and return to the United States; and that he served as a soldier in the revolutionary army, and praying for a grant of land equivalent in value to the property he thus lost, or for such other relief, as Congress may think just and reasonable.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of Jabez Smith, praying compensation for damages sustained by him in his property during the invasion of the Niagara frontier, by the British forces in the late

war; also, for his services as a volunteer in the American army in the said war, and that he may be placed on the pension list, in consequence of a wound received while in said service.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Cobb presented a petition of the senate and house of representatives of the State of Georgia, on behalf of Lachlan McIntosh, jun. William Donnis, Stephen Heard, John Donaldson, Joseph Martin, John Sevier, and Thomas Carr, commissioners appointed by the state of Georgia, in virtue of a resolution of the general assembly of that state, of the 20th of February, 1784, for surveying the lands lying on the Big Bend of Tennessee river, or their heirs or representatives, praying that the lands to which the commissioners aforesaid were entitled for their services in making the said survey, and promised by the said resolution, may now be granted to such of the said commissioners as are living, and to the heirs or representatives of such as are deceased; which memorial was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Settle, and Mr. Crawford, were appointed the said committee.

Ordered, That the report made by a select committee at the last session (10th February, 1818,) on the petitions of general Andrew Jackson, Thomas Carr, and George W. Sevier, and others, and the bill for the relief of the said Thomas Carr, and others, together with the petitions aforesaid, be referred to the committee last appointed.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Derrick Van Veigh-ten, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of James M. Bulgin, which was read; and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House, a statement of the sales of the public lands in the Alabama territory, at public and private sale, specifying the date of such sales, and the period at which the last payment will become due; and also, the aggregate amount of money paid to the receiver of public moneys at Huntsville, in the said territory; and the description of bank paper, if any, which is receivable there, in payment for the public lands.

On motion of Mr. Trimble,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what provision ought to be made by law, to authorize the emanation of patents to soldiers on furlough at the close of the war, and to whom discharges were not

issued in consequence of their not being ordered to join their respective regiments.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, as follows:

*"To the House of Representatives of the United States.*

I transmit to the House of Representatives, copies of such documents referred to in the message of the 17th ultimo, as have been prepared since that period. They present a full view of the operations of our troops employed in the Seminole war, who entered Florida.

The residue of the documents which are very voluminous, will be transmitted as soon as they can be prepared.

JAMES MONROE."

December 2, 1818.

The said message was read, and, together with the documents, ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. M'Coy, for the reconsideration of the vote taken yesterday, to concur with the committee of Claims in their report on the petition of Jaspar Parrish;

And the question being taken, will the House reconsider their said vote?

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said report lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill relative to the claim of the representative of the Caron de Beaumarchais; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 4, 1818.

Another member to wit: from Massachusetts, Timothy Fuller, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for the removal of the library of Congress, to the north wing of the capitol;" and an enrolled "resolution declaring the admission of the state of Illinois into the Union."

A message was then received from the President of the United

States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did yesterday approve and sign, the resolution "declaring the admission of the state of Illinois into the Union."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. John M'Lean then appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat as the representative of the state of Illinois in this House; the oath to support the constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of John Clarke, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying compensation for his services in the capacity aforesaid, as also, for property lost in the public service.

Mr. Westerlo presented a petition of Penelope Denney, widow of John Denney, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying compensation for the services of her said husband, in the capacity aforesaid; as also for supplies which he furnished for the public service.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of Sarah Ingram, administratrix of the estate of her late husband, Lemuel Thorowgood, deceased, praying to be paid the amount of two loan office certificates which she found among the papers of her said husband, and which are the property of a certain William Thorowgood, of whom he was guardian.

Mr. Campbell presented a petition of Frederick Bussa, a soldier in the late war with Great Britain, praying for a pension.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the state of Ohio, praying that a pension may be granted to a certain Mrs. Ann Kelly, in consideration of her misfortunes, and the services of her deceased husband as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Henry Rice, stating that he purchased in Castine, a quantity of foreign merchandise, imported into that port whilst it remained under the jurisdiction of Great Britain in the late war, and the duties upon which, were paid at the time of the importation to the British collector, and that upon the recovery of the place, he has been compelled by the collector of the United States, again to pay duties upon the said merchandise; and praying the same may be refunded to him, with the interest thereon.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of Stanton Shales, late a captain in the army, praying that an act may be passed authorizing the accounting officers to settle his accounts upon equitable principles, having lost his vouchers with his baggage, which were in the schooner Chippewa, when she was captured by the British in the late war.



Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of Edmund M-Guire, and Daniel Dorney, praying compensation for the use of, and damage done to, their house in Norfolk, whilst occupied by troops in the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of Daniel Converse, and a petition of George Miller, respectively praying compensation for several of their horses impressed into the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, and never returned to them.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. William Maclay presented a petition of Jacob Porter, praying for a pension.

Mr. Claiborne presented a petition of Alexander Hubbs, also praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Joseph Anderson, and Jabez Smith, and that the former be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the latter to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Jacob Van Tassell, and Thomas Pritchard; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Jacob Van Tassell, be rejected.

Resolved, That Thomas Pritchard have leave to *withdraw* his petition, and accompanying papers.

Mr. Rhea also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Benjamin Simmons, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of Elections, made the following report, viz:

*"The committee of Elections, have examined the certificates of election, and other credentials, of the following members, and find them sufficient to entitle them to seats in this House, to wit:*

*From the state of Massachusetts, Enoch Lincoln, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Albion K. Parris; from the state of Connecticut, Sylvester Gilbert, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Uriel Holmes; from the state of Pennsylvania, Samuel Moore, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Samuel D. Ingham; from the state of Virginia, John Pegram, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Peterson Goodwyn; from the state of North Carolina, William Davidson, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Daniel M. Forney; from the state of Louisiana;*

*Thomas Butler. to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Thomas B. Robertson.* *Thomas B. Robertson, chairman.*

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819, and to make good a deficit in the appropriation for holding treaties with the Indians; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a detailed report on the petition of Philip C. S. Barbour, which was read; when,

Mr. Robertson reported a bill for the relief of Philip C. S. Barbour, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Robertson also made a report on sundry petitions from persons claiming the confirmation of certain land titles in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri, derived from the French and Spanish government, which was read; when,

Mr. Robertson reported a bill for the final adjustment of certain land claims in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Catharine M. Niff, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Thomas M. Nelson, from the committee on Military Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Cutter, which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the proper accounting officers of the Treasury, to settle and adjust the accounts of John Smith, and the legal representative of Ambrose D. Smith, and, for supplies furnished to the army of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain, on principles of equity and justice.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill relative to the claim of the representative of the late Caron de Beaumarchais; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same without amendment.

The question was then taken, shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....31,  
Nays.....123.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Mr. Holmes,          | Mr. T. M. Nelson,       |
| Baldwin,                  | Hostetter,           | Ogle,                   |
| Ball,                     | Irving, <i>N. F.</i> | Owen                    |
| Bassett,                  | Johnson, <i>Va.</i>  | Poindexter,             |
| Bellinger,                | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>  | Robertson,              |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>       | W. Maclay,           | Bal. Smith,             |
| Cobb,                     | W. P. Maclay,        | Spencer,                |
| Cruger,                   | Middleton,           | Tyler,                  |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>       | Samuel Moore,        | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>     |
| Garnett,                  | Murphy,              | Wilson, <i>Penn.</i> 31 |
| Harrison,                 |                      |                         |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Adams,             | Mr. Gilbert,        | Mr. Palmer,           |
| Allen, <i>Mass.</i>    | Hale,               | Patterson,            |
| Allen, <i>Vt.</i>      | Hall, <i>N. C.</i>  | Pawling,              |
| Anderson, <i>Penn.</i> | Hasbrouck,          | Pegram,               |
| Austin,                | Hendricks,          | Peter,                |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i>   | Herbert,            | Pindall,              |
| Barber, <i>Ohio.</i>   | Herrick,            | Pitkin,               |
| Bateman,               | Heister,            | Pleasants,            |
| Bayley,                | Hogg,               | Porter,               |
| Beecher,               | Hopkinson,          | Rhea,                 |
| Bennett,               | Hunter              | Rice,                 |
| Blount,                | Huntington,         | Rich,                 |
| Boden,                 | Jones,              | Richards,             |
| Boss,                  | Kirtland,           | Rogers,               |
| Bryan,                 | Lawyer,             | Ruggles,              |
| Burwell,               | Lincoln,            | Sampson,              |
| Butler, <i>N. H.</i>   | Linn,               | Savage,               |
| Campbell,              | Little,             | Sawyer,               |
| Clagett,               | Livermore,          | Schuyler,             |
| Claiborne,             | Lowndes,            | Scudder,              |
| Colston,               | M'Coy,              | Settle,               |
| Comstock,              | Marchand,           | Seybert,              |
| Cook,                  | Mason, <i>Mass.</i> | Sherwood,             |
| Crafts,                | Mercer,             | Silsbee,              |
| Cushman,               | Merrill,            | Simkins,              |
| Darlington,            | Robert Moore,       | Sloeumb,              |
| Davidson,              | Morton,             | S. Smith,             |
| Desha,                 | Mosely,             | Alex. Smyth,          |
| Drake,                 | Mumford,            | J. S. Smith,          |
| Earle,                 | Jer. Nelson,        | Southard,             |
| Edwards,               | H. Nelson,          | Speed,                |
| Ellicott,              | Newton,             | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i> |
| Folger,                | Ogden,              | Storrs,               |
| Gage,                  | Orr,                | Strother,             |

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| Mr. Tallmadge, | Mr. Trimble,         | Mr. Whiteside,           |
| Tarr,          | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i> | Whitman.                 |
| Taylor,        | Upham,               | Wilkin,                  |
| Terrell,       | Walker, <i>N. C.</i> | Williams, <i>Con.</i>    |
| Terry,         | Wallace,             | Williams <i>N. Y.</i>    |
| Tompkins,      | Wendover,            | Williams, <i>N. C.</i>   |
| Townsend,      | Westerlo,            | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i> 123 |

*And so the said bill was rejected.*

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

### MONDAY, December 7, 1818.

Two other members, to wit: from Maryland, Samuel Ringgold; and from Ohio, Peter Hitchcock, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did on Friday last, present to the President of the United States, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the employment of an additional number of clerks in the War Department;" and an enrolled resolution, "authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage."

On motion of Mr. Sampson,

Ordered, That the petition of Rufus Lincoln, presented on the 13th of April, 1818, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Pawling presented a petition of Hannah Wentz, Elizabeth Connard, and Susannah Evans, heirs and legal representatives of Abraham Nanna, deceased, praying compensation for a large quantity of supplies furnished by the deceased for the use of the revolutionary army.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of Zedekiah Morgan, an officer in the quartermaster's department in the revolutionary army, praying for a settlement of his accounts, and that he may be repaid the sum of two thousand dollars, which he advanced for the use of his department, and which has never been returned to him; as also, the sum of one hundred dollars, recovered from him by course of law, for a quantity of timber which he was ordered to cut by his superior officer for the use of the said army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of David Dexter,

Mr. Rich presented a petition of Samuel Woodman,

Mr. Allen, of Vermont, presented a petition of Rosewell Hopkins, respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Williams, of Connecticut, presented a petition of Russell Vibbert, praying for a grant of the land to which he conceives himself entitled as a soldier in the late army, which is denied him at the proper office because he enlisted on the day after the arrival of the treaty of peace in the United States.

Mr. Comstock presented a petition of Elijah Leech, and a petition of Esther Pratt, wife of Samuel Pratt, deceased.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Augustus Porter, respectively praying compensation for property destroyed by the British army upon their invasion of the Niagara frontier in the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That the petition of Frederick Brown, presented on the 5th December, 1817, be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cushman presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the states of Massachusetts and New York, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, presented a petition of Joseph Timberlake, postmaster at Fredericksburgh, in Virginia, praying for an increase of his compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Cushman also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of New York, on behalf of the surviving officers of the revolutionary army, which was referred to the committee appointed on the petition of William Jackson, solicitor for said officers.

The Speaker presented a petition of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Alabama territory, accompanied with a census of the inhabitants of said territory; praying that the said territory may be admitted into the Union as a state; which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Orr, and Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, were appointed the said committee.

The Speaker also presented another petition from the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Alabama territory, praying for certain alterations in the judicial system of the said territory; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. McLean, of Illinois, presented a petition of the general assembly of the state of Illinois, stating that previous to the survey of the public lands in the district of Shawneetown, several persons settled on public lands, which, since the survey, have been discovered to be the section No. 16, reserved for the use of schools; and pray-

ing that other lands may be assigned for the use of schools in such cases.

Mr. McLean presented another petition of the general assembly of the state of Illinois, praying for a donation of four sections of land for the purpose of establishing thereon the seat of the government of the said state, for twenty years.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Francis Le Clere, Joseph Boyer, Peter Boyer, and Francis Laforrest; a petition of Andrew Henry; a petition of Joseph Pratte, Robert T. Brown, Walter Wilkinson, Francis Valle, Charles C. Valle, and Celeste Bullett, heirs of Francis Valle, deceased; a petition of Joseph Pratt, in his own right; a petition of Francis Valle, on behalf of himself, and the other heirs of Francis Valle, deceased, late Spanish commandant of St. Genevieve; a petition of Celeste Bullett, by Robert T. Brown, her uncle and friend; a petition of John Bear, assignee of John Anderson; and a petition of Joan Baptiste Pratte, John Baptiste St. Gomes Bauvais, Joan Baptiste Valle, and Joseph Pratte, and others, heirs of Francis Valle, deceased; respectively praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of Elections, made the following report:

*The committee of Elections, have examined the certificate of election, of John McLean, who is returned a representative of the state of Illinois, and find the same sufficient to entitle him to a seat in this House. December 7, 1818. John W. Taylor, Chairman.*

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the application of Jacob Dox, for compensation for his services as a commissioner on behalf of the United States, in taking evidence on the Niagara frontier, in relation to claims against the United States, which report was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of the said Jacob Dox, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of George Merrick, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petition be rejected.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill concerning widows and orphans; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson submitted to the House, a letter addressed to him

as chairman of the committee on Military Affairs, from the Secretary of War, upon the subject of the establishment of an additional armoury, which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill authorizing the establishment of a national armoury.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee appointed on the petition of William Jackson, solicitor for the surviving officers of the revolutionary army, and to which were referred sundry petitions of said officers, and of inhabitants of the United States on their behalf, made a detailed report upon said petitions, which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, on the 5th instant, approve and sign, an enrolled bill entitled, "An act to increase the number of clerks in the Department of War;" and an enrolled resolution, "authorizing the transmission of certain documents free of postage."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the Judiciary committee, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that the sessions of the circuit and district courts of the United States, for the district of Ohio, be held alternately in the city of Cincinnati, and at such other place, as now is, or may hereafter be appointed by law, for holding the same.

Mr. Simkins submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury, be requested to lay before this House, a statement of the sales, public or private, of public lands northwest of the Ohio, the respective years in which such sales have taken place, the credits given on such sales, the sums which have been paid thereon, those which are now due, and the period at which they became so, whether any instalments are yet to fall due, and to what amount; also what descriptions of paper has been received, and what is now receivable in payment for said lands.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the committee on Private Land Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the register of the land office, and receiver of public moneys, west of Pearl river, in the state of Mississippi, to receive additional evidence in the claim to land of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased, founded on a warrant of survey, from the Spanish government, granted to John Montgomery, and reported to the Secretary of the Treasury, according to law.

On motion of Mr. Livermore,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing an act passed March

2, 1811, entitled "An act to establish the Districts of Mumphrey-magog, of Onwegatchie, and of the White Mountains."

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That 2,500 additional copies of the message of the President of the United States, in relation to the Seminole war, communicated to this House on the 3d instant, and the documents accompanying the same, be printed for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Pleasants,

Resolved, That the President of the United States, be requested to cause to be laid before the House of Representatives, the proceedings which have been had under the act, entitled, "An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States;" specifying the number of ships which have been put on the stocks, and of what class, and the quantity, and kind of materials which have been procured in compliance with the provisions of said act; and also the sums of money which have been paid out of the fund created by said act, and for what objects; and likewise the contracts which have been entered into in execution of the said act, on which moneys may not yet have been advanced.

Mr. Pleasants, and Mr. Quarles, were appointed a committee to present the above resolution to the President.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to each state, a tract of land, not exceeding one hundred thousand acres, for the endowment of an university in each state.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from John Gardiner, enclosing a map of the Alabama Territory, and of military bounty lands in Missouri, and stating that if Congress think proper to give to each soldier a map with his bounty land, he is willing to relinquish his impression on reasonable terms; which letter was referred to the committee on Public Lands.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819, and to make good a deficit in the appropriation for holding treaties with the Indians; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the committee of Claims made on the 24th of February last, on the petition of John Haile; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported their agreement to the resolution recommended by the committee of Claims, which was again read and concurred in by the House, as follows:



**Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.**

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of William Barton; on the bill for the relief of William King; and on the bill for the relief of the heirs of Adolphus Burghart, deceased; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the said bill without amendment.

**Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed and severally read a third time to-morrow.**

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the apprehension of foreign seamen deserting from the vessels to which they belong; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. H. Nelson reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

**Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.**

And then the House adjourned.

**TUESDAY, December 8, 1818.**

Another member, to wit: from Massachusetts, Elijah H. Mills, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of inhabitants of the towns of Williamstown and Hancock, in the state of Massachusetts, for the establishment of a post route.

**Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.**

Mr. Allen also presented a petition of Edmund Rawson.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Estis H. Harrington, respectively praying for pensions.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, presented a petition of Littlebury Matthews, praying for a grant of the land to which he conceives himself entitled, for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

**Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.**

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

**Ordered, That the petition of Jeremiah Bettes, presented on the 24th of December, 1817, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.**

Mr. Seybert, presented a petition of William Stothart, stating that in the years 1817 and 1818, he imported into the port of Philadelphia, several parcels of British merchandise, the duties of which he secured and paid upon the descriptions and prices stated in the invoices, that upon an examination of the goods, it was found that some part of them were of inferior quality and others missing; and

praying that a part of the duties paid by him as aforesaid, may be refunded.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of Vashti Gardiner, widow of John Gardiner, deceased, a soldier in the army in the late war with Great Britain, praying for a grant of the bounty in land to which the deceased was entitled, which is denied at the proper office, because of a failure of issue of her said marriage.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of Robert Farrall, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report upon the subject of the duties on wines and books; which was read: when,

Mr. Smith reported a bill to reduce the duties on certain wines, and to declare free of duty books printed in foreign languages, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered. That the committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, upon alterations or modifications required in the acts fixing the emoluments of certain officers of the customs, and that it be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the case of Joseph Janney, transmitted to this House at the last session by the Commissioner of Claims, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, also made a report on the petition of Aaron Porter, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of Frederick Brown, which was read the first and second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House, a report from the Secretary of War, of a system providing for the abolition of the existing Indian trading establishments of the United States, and providing for the opening of the trade with the Indians, to individuals, under suitable regulations, "made in obedience to a resolution of this House of the 4th of April last," which was referred to the committee on Indian Affairs.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Se-

cretary of the Treasury, containing a plan for the final adjustment and settlement of claims to land in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri, accompanied with the draft of a bill, providing for that purpose, prepared in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the 16th of April last, which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the bill reported on the 4th inst. for the final adjustment of certain claims to land in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri, be committed to the committee of the whole, last appointed.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill, reported at the last session, (10th February, 1818,) supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri: Whereupon it was.

Ordered, That the said bill be also committed to the committee of the whole House, last appointed.

Mr. Holmes submitted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of so much of the President's message as relates to the execution of Arbuthnot and Ambristie, and the conduct of the war with the Seminole Indians, and that the same be referred to the committee of "Foreign Affairs."

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

The said resolution was amended by striking out the word *execution*, and inserting the word *trial*.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

The said resolution was further amended by inserting after the word *trial*, the words, *and execution*.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

The said resolution was further amended by adding to the end thereof, these words—"With instructions to inquire whether in said trial, the constitution and laws of the United States, or the law of nations, has been violated."

The question was then stated, to agree to the resolution as amended: when it was on motion of Mr. Barbour, ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information, that the President of the United States, did, on the 3d inst. approve and sign an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for the removal of the Library of Congress, to the north wing of the Capitol." The Senate have passed a resolution, that a committee of the two Houses be appointed to consider and report whether any, and if any, what further provisions by law, are necessary to ensure despatch, accuracy, and neatness, in the printing done by order of the two Houses, respectively; in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said resolution was read, amended, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence in the said amendment.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819, and to make good a deficit in the appropriation for holding treaties with the Indians,

An act for the relief of William Barton,

An act for the relief of William King, and,

An act for the relief of the heirs of Adolphus Burghart, deceased, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill respecting invalids; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wilkin reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of William B. Lewis; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, December 9, 1818.

Another member, to wit: from South Carolina, Wilson Nesbitt, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Pitkin presented a petition of William Van Deursen, surveyor of the customs for the port of Middletown, and of George Wolcott, surveyor of the customs for the port of Saybrook, in the state of Connecticut, praying for an increase of their compensations.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Herbert presented a petition of Nathaniel P. Causin and others, heirs and representatives of John H. Stone, deceased, a colonel in the revolutionary army, stating, that owing to a severe wound received in the battle of Germantown, by which the deceased was rendered unfit for active service, he resigned his commission, and thereby was not entitled to half pay for life, or the commutation of five years full pay; and praying that the said half pay or commutation may now be granted to them.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of Andrew Small, a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Beecher also presented a petition of James Hays, a militiaman in the service of the United States in the late war, respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Peter presented a petition of the Provident Association of Clerks employed in the civil departments of the government of the United States, within the District of Columbia, praying that an act may be passed incorporating the said association.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Hugh Nelson presented a petition of Elijah Brown, praying to be refunded the moneys paid by him for a license to use his distillery in the year 1814, as the said distillery became useless to him in consequence of his distiller being drafted into the militia service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hugh Nelson also presented a petition of Benjamin Norvell, praying compensation for a horse lost in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Ordered, That the petition of captain Samuel McClure and others, on behalf of themselves and a troop of volunteer cavalry, attached to the 4th regiment of Virginia militia, presented on the 22d December, 1817, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of the state of Illinois, in opposition to the petition of the general assembly of that state, for a donation of four sections of land to be laid off as a town for the seat of their government for twenty years.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the memorial of the convention of the state of Mississippi, presented on the 17th of December, 1817, praying for an extension of the limits of that state, be referred to the committee appointed on the 7th instant, on the memorial of the legislature of the territory of Alabama, for a state government.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Ordered, That the petition of the legislature of the territory of Alabama, presented on the 7th instant, respecting the judiciary establishment of said territory, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary

Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Clark, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea also made reports on the petitions of Mary Newton, Ann Kelly, Alexander Stubbs, Joshua Eddy, and Jacob Porter, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, ought *not* to be granted, and that Mary Newton may withdraw the papers accompanying her petition.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Frederick Bussa, and Henry Jilson, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the letter of John Gardiner, accompanied with a map of the Alabama Territory, and of the military bounty lands in the Missouri Territory, which was read; and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That John Gardiner have leave to withdraw the letter addressed by him to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with the accompanying documents.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Samuel, Jeremiah; and John Peabody, which was read; and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Peter, from the committee on Military Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Barnett, which was read and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the same committee on the petition of John Cutter.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the Director of the Mint, giving the result of sundry assays of foreign coins, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Lewisburg, in Franklin County, North Carolina, by Haysville and Healthseat, to Oxford, in Granville County.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Holmes, and the same being read as amended, a motion was made by Mr. Floyd, that it be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the report of the committee of Claims, on the

petition of Samuel Q. Richardson, be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Frederick Brown,

An act respecting Invalids,

An act for the relief of William B. Lewis,

were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the committee of Claims, on the petition of William Henderson, be discharged, and that the said report and petition be recommitted to the said committee of Claims.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill concerning widows of the militia; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the same with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House.

The question was then taken, shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....87,  
Nays..... 63.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Anderson, Penn. | Mr. Herrick,  | Mr. Newton,  |
| Anderson, Ken.      | Heister,      | Ogden,       |
| Austin,             | Hitchcock,    | Ogle,        |
| Baldwin,            | Hogg,         | Parrott,     |
| Barbour, Vir.       | Holmes,       | Patterson,   |
| Barber, Ohio.       | Hostetter,    | Pawling,     |
| Beecher,            | Irving, N. Y. | Pegram,      |
| Bellingher,         | Johnson, Ky.  | Peter,       |
| Blount,             | Jones,        | Pindall,     |
| Boden,              | Lawyer,       | Pleasants,   |
| Boss,               | Little,       | Poindexter,  |
| Bryan,              | M'Lean, Ill.  | Quarles,     |
| Claiborne,          | W. Maclay,    | Rhea,        |
| Comstock,           | Mason, Mass.  | Ringgold,    |
| Cook,               | Mercer,       | Robertson,   |
| Davidson,           | Merrill,      | Rogers,      |
| Earle,              | Robert Moore, | Ruggles,     |
| Edwards,            | Samuel Moore, | Sampson,     |
| Floyd,              | Mumford,      | Savage,      |
| Folger,             | Murray,       | Schuyler,    |
| Garrett,            | H. Nelson,    | Sherwood,    |
| Harrison,           | T. M. Nelson, | Silsbee,     |
| Hendricks,          | Nesbitt,      | Bal. Smith,  |
| Herbert,            | New,          | Alex. Smyth, |

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| <b>Mr. J. S. Smith,</b> | <b>Mr. Tucker, S. C.</b> | <b>Mr. Westerlo,</b> |
| Storrs,                 | Walker, N. C.            | Whiteside,           |
| Strother,               | Walker, Ken.             | Whitman,             |
| Terry,                  | Wallace,                 | Wilkin,              |
| Trimble,                | Wendover,                | Williams, N. Y. 87   |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| <b>Mr. Abbot,</b> | <b>Mr. Hale,</b> | <b>Mr. Richards,</b> |
| Adams,            | Hall, N. C.      | Sawyer,              |
| Allen, Mass.      | Hasbrouck,       | Scudder,             |
| Bassett,          | Hubbard,         | Settle,              |
| Bateman,          | Johnson, Va.     | Simkins,             |
| Bayley, *         | Kirtland,        | Slcumb,              |
| Bennett,          | Linn,            | S. Smith,            |
| Butler, N. H.     | Livermore,       | Southard,            |
| Campbell,         | W. P. Maclay,    | Speed,               |
| Clagett,          | McCoy,           | Stewart, N. C.       |
| Cobb,             | Marchand,        | Tallmadge,           |
| Colston,          | Mason, R. I.     | Tarr,                |
| Crafts,           | Middleton,       | Taylor,              |
| Crawford,         | Mills,           | Terrell,             |
| Cushman,          | Morton,          | Tompkins,            |
| Darlington,       | Mosely,          | Townsend,            |
| Desha,            | Jer. Nelson,     | Upham,               |
| Drake,            | Orr,             | Williams, Con.       |
| Ellicott,         | Pitkin,          | Williams, N. C.      |
| Gage,             | Rice,            | Wilson, Mass.        |
| Gilbert,          | Rich,            | Wilson, Pa. 63       |

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.  
And then the House adjourned.

**THURSDAY, December 10, 1818.**

**Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts,** presented a petition of John Welles, of Boston, praying to be allowed and paid the drawback on a quantity of merchandise imported by him from the East Indies, and subsequently exported to France, which he is unable to obtain, in consequence of a failure to take the necessary oaths within ten days after the shipment, occasioned by his necessary absence from Boston, to which he did not return until the expiration of the time allowed by law for taking the same.

**Mr. Mason** also presented a petition of sundry merchants and masters of vessels residing in Boston, and its vicinity, praying that a monument, or land mark, may be erected on Halfway Rock, lying in Boston bay, so as to distinguish it from Nahant Rock.

**Mr. Silsbee** presented a similiar petition from sundry merchants and masters of vessels residing in Salem, and its vicinity.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.



Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of Benjamin Wells, late collector of direct taxes and internal duties in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that an act may be passed to authorize the comptroller, or the accounting officer of the Treasury, to hear and determine the appeal which he has made in virtue of an act for his relief, approved on the 13th day of February, 1815; and finally, to audit and settle all his accounts according to equity and justice, and to pay him, whatever balance may be found due, with interest thereon.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of William Houston, late a deputy collector of direct taxes and internal duties in the 17th collection district of the state of Pennsylvania, praying to be allowed the sum of 220 dollars, transmitted by him in the mail to his principal, which never came to hand.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Butler, Venango, and Mercer, in Pennsylvania praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Whiteside presented a petition of Barney Ferris, a soldier in the army in the late war with Great Britain, praying for a pension.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, presented a petition of Matthew McCanley, praying payment of a quarter master's certificate, issued to him for his services in the revolutionary army; which certificate was mislaid for upwards of twenty years, and has been recently found.

The Speaker presented a petition of Joseph Crockett, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed the commutation of five years' full pay, for the half pay for life, to which he was entitled for his services in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Jones presented a petition of Samuel Norwood, guardian of the children of James Dailey, deceased, praying for a grant of the bounty in land to which the deceased was entitled for his services as a soldier in the army in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathan W. Curtis, presented on the 16th of February, 1818, be also referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of William Fisher, of North Carolina, which was read; and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the acting Secretary of the Navy, transmitting documents in relation to the navy pension fund, received since the report of the 21st ult., which was referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Morgan Town, in Virginia, by the way of Barns's Mills and Shinston to Clarksburg.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the provisions of the fifth section of the act of Congress, of the 12th of April, 1814, entitled "An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana, and Territory of Missouri," to the inhabitants of that portion of Howard County, in the Missouri Territory, lying north of the Missouri river, and west of the county of St. Charles.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to report a bill for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States; and Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pindall, and Mr. Fuller, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Barbour, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the post route leading from Price's, in Louisa County, Virginia, to Charlottesville, so as to begin at said Price's, and to pass from thence along a road called Ross's Road, till it strikes the Mountain road, up that road, to the store of Nicholas I. Poindexter and Co.; thence, along a road called the lime tract, into the three notched road, at a place called Dobbs's.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for an additional compensation to the marshal and district attorneys, of the western district of Pennsylvania, the northern district of New York, and the clerk of the district court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Robert Moore presented the following resolution, which was read and rejected:

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a bounty in lands, to the soldiers who enlisted twelve months previous to the late war, and who served out the periods of their enlistments, and procured their honorable discharges, and to the heirs and legal representa-

tives of those having so enlisted, who were killed in battle, or died in the service of their country.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, copies of any correspondence between the Governor of the state of Georgia, and Major General Andrew Jackson, relative to the arrest, or other proceedings against Captain Obed Wright, which may have been transmitted to any of the Executive Departments of the United States.

Mr. Storrs and Mr. Shaw were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Smith,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to lay before this House, a statement of the progress that has been made under an act of Congress, of the 3d of March, 1817, entitled "An act to set apart, and dispose of certain public lands, for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive;" whether four townships of six miles square each, has been laid off, and reserved for the purpose aforesaid; and whether any agent, or agents, acting for the French emigrants, has contracted for said lands, and on what terms; and whether such agent, or agents, are now residing on said land; together with the number of French emigrants that have made settlements on said reservation, and the progress that has been made in the culture of the vine and olive.

On motion of Mr. Rich,

Resolved, That the committee of Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making compensation to Aaron Balamy, of Vergennes, in Vermont, for his vessel, captured by the enemy on Lake Champlain, in the summer of 1813, while taking on board a cargo of flour for the United States; and that the testimony taken in the case, under a commission from the late Commissioner, of Claims, be referred to the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Princeton, in the county of Gibson, by the way of Columbia, and Petersburg, to the seat of justice, for the county of Dubois, all in the state of Indiana.

On motion of Mr. Ervin, of South Carolina,

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire if any, and what, amendments are necessary in the "*Copy Right Laws*," in relation to suits brought in the courts of the United States, between citizens of the same state.

On motion of Mr. Ervin, of South Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the post master, at Marion court house, in the state of South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Herriek,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the town of Dresden, in the county of Muskingum, to the town of Mansfield, in the county of Richland, by way of the cross roads, in Washington township, West Bedford and Darlings.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the resolution submitted on the 7th inst. by Mr. Simkins; and the same being read, was amended and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to lay before this House, a statement of the sales, public and private, of public lands northwest of the river Ohio, the purchase money of which has not been fully paid; the respective years in which such sales have taken place; the credits given on such sales; the sums which have been paid thereon; those which are now due, and the periods at which they became so; whether any instalments are yet to fall due, and to what amount. Also, what descriptions of paper has been received, and what is now receivable in payment for said lands.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act concerning widows of the militia," was read the third time, and being on its passage;

A motion was made by Mr. Desha, to recommit the said bill to a committee of the whole House.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative. { Yeas.....67,  
Nays..... 77.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

| Mr. Abbot,           | Mr. Gage,           | Mr. Jer. Nelson, |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Adams,               | Gilbert,            | Palmer,          |
| Allen, <i>Mass.</i>  | Hasbrouck,          | Pitkin,          |
| Bassett,             | Hopkinson,          | Porter,          |
| Bateman,             | Hubbard,            | Rice,            |
| Bayley,              | Huntington,         | Rich,            |
| Bennett,             | Johnson, <i>Va.</i> | Richards,        |
| Butler, <i>N. H.</i> | Kirtland,           | Ringgold,        |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>  | Lawyer,             | Sawyer,          |
| Campbell,            | Linn,               | Scudder,         |
| Clagett,             | Little,             | Settle,          |
| Cobb,                | Livermore,          | Seybert,         |
| Crafts,              | W. P. Maclay,       | Simkins,         |
| Crawford,            | McCoy,              | Slocum,          |
| Cushman,             | Marchand,           | S. Smith,        |
| Darlington,          | Samuel Moore,       | J. S. Smith,     |
| Desha,               | Morton,             | Southward,       |
| Ellicott,            | Mosely,             | Speed,           |

Mr. Stewart, *N. C.*  
Strother,  
Tallmadge,  
Tarr,  
Taylor,

Mr. Terrell,  
Tompkins,  
Townsend,  
Upham,

Mr. Williams, *Con.*  
Williams, *N. C.*  
Wilson, *Mass.*  
Wilson, *Pa.* 67

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Anderson, *Ken.*  
Austin,  
Baldwin,  
Ball,  
Barbour, *Vir.*  
Beecher,  
Bellinger,  
Blount,  
Boden,  
Boss,  
Claiborne,  
Comstock,  
Cook,  
Cruger,  
Davidson,  
Earle,  
Edwards,  
Ervin, *S. C.*  
Floyd,  
Folger,  
Garnett,  
Hall, *N. C.*  
Harrison,  
Hendricks,  
Herbert,  
Herrick,

Mr. Heister,  
Hitchcock,  
Hogg,  
Holmes,  
Hostetter,  
Irving, *N. Y.*  
Jones,  
McLean, *Ill.*  
W. Maclay,  
Mason, *Mass.*  
Mercer,  
Merrill,  
Robert Moore,  
Mumford,  
Murray,  
H. Nelson,  
New,  
Newton,  
Ogden,  
Ogle,  
Owen,  
Patterson,  
Pawling,  
Pegram,  
Peter,  
Pindall,

Mr. Pleasants,  
Poindexter,  
Quarles,  
Rhea,  
Robertson,  
Ruggles,  
Sampson,  
Savage,  
Schuyler,  
Shaw,  
Sherwood,  
Silsbee,  
Bal. Smith,  
Alex. Smyth,  
Storrs,  
Terry,  
Tucker, *S. C.*  
Walker, *N. C.*  
Walker, *Ken.*  
Wallace,  
Wendover,  
Westerlo,  
Whiteside,  
Wilkin,  
Williams, *N. Y.* 77

The question was then taken, shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the admission of Cadets into the Military Academy; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. H. Nelson, reported that the committee had made some progress in the said bill and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

The question was then taken, shall the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill;

And determined in the negative.

The said bill was then ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the amendment proposed by this House, to the resolution for the appointment of a joint com-

mittee, to consider and report, whether any, and, if any, what further provisions are necessary to insure despatch, accuracy and neatness, in the printing ordered by the two Houses respectively, and have appointed a committee on their part. They have passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning the western district court of Pennsylvania." They have also passed "a resolution directing a survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported, that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee of claims, made at the last session, (2d March, 1818,) on the petition of captain John Cowan, on behalf of himself and others; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the agreement of the committee of the whole, to the resolution recommended by the committee of Claims, with an amendment.

The said resolution, as recommended by the committee of Claims, is as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be *rejected*.

The said resolution, as amended by the committee of the whole, is as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be *granted*.

The question was taken to concur in the amendment of the committee of the whole;

And passed in the affirmative; and,

The said resolution was then agreed to as amended.

Ordered, That the said report and petition be recommitted to the committee of Claims, with instruction to prepare and report a bill in pursuance of the amended resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Little, be the committee on the part of this House, in pursuance of the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, to consider and report if any further provisions are necessary, to ensure economy, despatch, accuracy, and neatness, in the printing, ordered by the two Houses of Congress, respectively; and that the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 11, 1818.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Brooke county, in Virginia, praying to be permitted to pay such portion of the direct tax and internal duties, as is now due from them, in the notes of such banks as have been heretofore received in payment of like taxes, at the Treasury of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Simkins presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the village and district of Edgefield, in South Carolina, praying that the postmaster in said village may be allowed an additional compensation, for his services as such.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the petition of John H. Pratt, presented on the 27th of February, 1818, be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry members of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, of the territory of Missouri, from the counties of Arkansas and Laurence, praying for an alteration and extension of the boundaries of that part of said territory, proposed to be erected into a state government, and admitted into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill to enable the people of the Missouri territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of the said state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Hitchcock, presented a petition of Walter Brabrook, praying compensation for the services of, and damage sustained in his vessel on Lake Erie, while employed in the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented a document, in support of an application of Faulkner Simons, for a pension, which was referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Poindexter, presented documents in support of the claims of Hardy Perry, Beley Cheney and Richard Cravat; which were committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for their relief.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Joshua Eddy.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of David Dexter, Samuel Woodman, Zedekiah Morgan, Littlebury Matthews, Ebenezer Gilbert,

Edmund Rawson, Frederick Knowlton and Rufus Lincoln; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, ought not to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Estis H. Harrington, Barney Ferris and Roswell Hopkins; and that the two former be referred to the Secretary of War, and the latter to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report, on the petition of Ralph M. Pomeroy; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, also made a report on the petition of col. Isaac Clark, which was read: when,

Mr. Williams, reported a bill for the relief of col. Isaac Clark, and the officers and soldiers under his command, at the time of making an inroad into the country of the enemy, during the late war; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of the General Assembly of the state of Illinois, respecting the settlers on certain public lands, in the district of Shawneetown, which was read; and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition *be rejected*.

Mr. Poindexter, from the same committee, reported a bill, explanatory of the act, entitled "An act for the final adjustment of land titles, in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Middleton, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the Marquis de Vienne, made a favorable report thereon, which was read: when,

Mr. Middleton, reported a bill, making provision for the claim of M. de Vienne, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Monsieur Poirey.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means, be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of the 7th inst. instructing them to inquire into the expediency of repealing an act, passed March 2d, 1811, to establish the districts of Mumfremagog, Oswegatchie and of the White Mountains; and that the said resolution be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, with instructions to make the said inquiry.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation of the military service of the United



States, for the year 1819; and to make good a deficit, in the appropriations, for holding treaties with the Indian tribes." They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the accounts of James Wilde;" in which last mentioned bill they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a direct post road from Lexington, by way of the "Burnt Tavern," to Lancaster in Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what alterations or modifications, are required in the several acts of Congress, establishing ports of entry and delivery.

On motion of Mr. Simkins,

Resolved, That the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, be instructed to inquire, how far it may be expedient to amend the law passed during the first session of the fifteenth Congress, granting pensions to revolutionary officers and soldiers, so as to prevent frauds in the reception of pensions, by pretended agents, and in the names of pensioners, who shall have died, after once or oftener receiving their pensions.

On motion of Mr. Herrick,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire, whether the act, entitled "An act for changing the compensation of receivers and registers of land offices," approved on the 20th April, 1818, requires any amendment, and if so, what amendment is necessary to be made to the said act.

On motion of Mr. Barber, of Ohio,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of procuring the field notes and plats, of the reserved sections within the Ohio company's purchase.

On motion of Mr. Trimble,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route, from Catlettsburg, by way of the mouth of Blain creek, and the mouth of the Louisa Fork of Sandy, to Floyd court house, in Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Haywood court house, at Waynesville, North Carolina, to Houghstonville, in South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Connecticut.

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by

law, for the payment of pensions, when the pensioner, by reason of insanity, or other cause, is legally incapable of performing the acts necessary to entitle him to receive the same.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved that the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the army of the United States.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of James Wilde," was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of Claims.

The resolution from the Senate, directing the survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina, was read the first and second time and committed to the committee on Naval Affairs.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report made at the last session by the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of John Porter; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson, reported their agreement to the resolution recommended in the said report; which being again read, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report made at the last session, by the committee of Claims, on the petition of Archibald W. Hamilton, be discharged, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill authorizing the distribution of a sum of money, among the representatives of Commodore Edward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, December 14, 1818.

Another member, to wit: from Delaware, Willard Hall, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Fuller, presented a petition of Abijah Fisk; and a petition of Solomon Pierce.

Mr. Mills, presented a petition of Anna Field, widow of Oliver Field, a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Porter, presented a petition of Lyman Hall; respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions, be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Holmes, presented a petition of Joseph Gillpatrick, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Philip Thomas, a soldier in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Huntington, presented a petition of Oliver Champlain, surveyor of the customs, for the port of New London, in the state of Connecticut, praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Comstock, presented a petition of John Burnham, late captain of the American ship Hope, stating, that in the year 1793, while on his passage from Holland to Spain, he was captured by an Algerine corsair, and carried with his crew into captivity in Algiers, where he remained and suffered every species of hardship and cruelty, until he was ransomed by the consul of his Britannic majesty at Cadiz, in Spain, for the sum of four thousand four hundred dollars, which said sum he paid to the said consul, after his release; that of this sum, he has received of the United States, two thousand five hundred and thirty dollars; and praying that the balance of one thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars, may be refunded to him, with interest.

Mr. McCoy, presented a petition of James Clark, praying to be allowed the interest on the sum of nine hundred and forty four dollars, owing to him from the United States, from the year 1800, until July last.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Storrs, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of New York, (the Governor of the state, and the Mayor and Common Council of the City,) on behalf of the surviving officers of the revolutionary army; which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the select committee on the petition of William Jackson, solicitor for said officers.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Pindall, also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Brook county, in Virginia.

Mr. Tucker, of South Carolina, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Lexington, Edgefield, Newbury and Laurens, in South Carolina, respectfully praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Claiborne, presented a petition of Angus O. Fraser, stating, that in the year 1811, while commanding the revenue cutter, Louisiana, he seized the English ship *Ardent*, and delivered her over to the revenue officers of the United States, for the port of New Orleans, where she was libelled and condemned for a breach of the nonintercourse laws; and praying to be allowed, and paid the proportion of the proceeds of the sale of the said ship and cargo, to which he conceives himself entitled for said seizure.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Harrison, presented a petition of Jacob Cooper, stating, that owing to an error in the register of the land office, at Cincinnati, in the state of Ohio, he entered and improved a tract of land, which had been previously entered and paid for; and praying that land of equal value may be assigned to him in lieu thereof.

Mr. Herrick, presented a petition of William Stranahan, stating, that owing to erroneous marks, he has entered a tract of land, different from that which he intended to enter, and praying permission to remove his said entry, to the tract he contemplated entering.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Poindexter, presented a petition of Thomas Shields, a purser in the Navy, stating that in the autumn of 1814, he furnished a quantity of naval stores, to five gun boats, commanded by lieutenant Thomas Ap Catesby Jones, which said gun boats, were afterwards captured by the British forces, and praying compensation for said stores.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Bolen Laysard, praying that his title to a tract of land, in the parish of Rapide, in the state of Louisiana, may be confirmed.

Mr. Scott, presented a petition of James Mackay; a petition of Clement B. Penrose; a petition of Nicholas Moore; a petition of Bede Moore; a petition of Peter Crites; a petition of Daniel and Abraham Crites; and a petition of Matthew Morse, respectively praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott, also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the village of Carondelet, in the territory of Missouri, praying for a confirmation of their title to, and a designation of, the boundaries of their common; that regulations may be adopted, to prevent intrusions and waste of timber on said common, and that the same may not be taken to satisfy what is commonly called New Madrid grants.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, and the bills for the adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri.

Mr. Taylor, moved the following resolution, which was read and rejected by the House, to wit:

Resolved, That two hundred additional copies of the Congressional Directory, for the second session of the fifteenth Congress, be printed for the use of the members of this House.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petitions of Ezra Dunham and of Eliakim and Alfred Spooner, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted, and that Eliakim and Alfred Spooner, have leave to withdraw their petitions and documents.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that they had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819, and to make good a deficit in the appropriation for holding treaties with the Indians,

An act concerning the western district court of Pennsylvania, and had found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

Mr. Speaker, signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report, on the petition of Bowie and Kurtz and others, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, also reported a bill for the relief of captain John Cowan and the company under his command, in the years 1814, and 1815, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report, on the petition of Henry House, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, also made a report on the petition of Samuel Gibbs, which was read: when,

Mr. Rhea, reported a bill for the relief of the said Samuel Gibbs, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Robert Cottle, and that it be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Samuel Gibson, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of John Rice Jones, which was read: when,

Mr. Robertson, reported a bill for the relief of John Rice Jones, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson, also made a report on the petition of the heirs of Alexander Montgomery; and on the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of authorizing additional evidence in support of the claim to land, of the said heirs, derived from the Spanish government, through John Montgomery, to be received by the register and receiver of the land office, east of Pearl river; which report was read: when,

Mr. Robertson, reported a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John Baker, and the legal representatives of Peter Trouillet.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee appointed on the petition of the general assembly of the state of Georgia, and to whom was also referred the report of a select committee, made at the last session, on the petitions of Thomas Carr, Andrew Jackson and George W. Sevier, made report thereon; which was read: when,

Mr. Claiborne, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the benefit of Thomas Carr and others, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to increase the compensation of the surveyor of the port of Patuxet, in Rhode Island; and,

An act for the relief of Matthew Barrow; in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, which is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 10th inst. I transmit a report of the Secretary of War, with copies of the correspondence, between the Governor of Georgia

and Major General Andrew Jackson, on the subject of the arrest of captain Obed Wright.

JAMES MONROE.

*December 12, 1818.*

The said message was read, and together with the correspondence accompanying the same, referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Ordered. That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill of the last session, establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for the organization and encouragement of schools, for their instruction and civilization, be discharged, and that the said bill be referred to the committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Hopkinson, submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the President of the United States, be requested to lay before this House, (unless in his opinion, it shall not be proper to do so,) any instructions that may have been transmitted from the Department of State, to our minister at Madrid, in relation to the late proceedings of the army of the United States, in Florida, and any correspondence which may have passed between the two governments on that subject.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the compensation of the surveyor of the port of Patuxet, in Rhode Island," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Matthew Barrow," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of Claims.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act authorizing the distribution of a sum of money, among the representatives of commodore Edward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill, to extend for a further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers, who died or were killed in the late war; and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Rich, then moved the following proviso, to come in at the end of the bill, to wit:

*Provided*, That in lieu of the several sums allowed to the claimants by the provisions of the above recited act, there shall, after the

expiration of the first five years, be allowed and paid in each case, the sum of ——— dollars per month.

And on the question to agree thereto;

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. W. P. Maclay, then moved to postpone the future consideration of the said bill until to-morrow; which was rejected by the House.

Mr. Rich, again moved to amend the said bill, by adding thereto, the following proviso, which was also rejected, viz:

*Provided*, That after the expiration of the first five years, there shall in no case be paid to the widow, or child or children of an officer, a sum exceeding ten dollars per month.

The question was then taken, shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative,

{ Yeas.....79  
Nays.....78

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Mr. Holmes,              | Mr. Pleasants,       |
| Baldwin,                  | Hostetter,               | Poindexter,          |
| Barber, <i>Ohio.</i>      | Hubbard,                 | Porter,              |
| Beecher,                  | Irving, <i>N. Y.</i>     | Quarles,             |
| Bellinger,                | Johnson, <i>Ky.</i>      | Rhea,                |
| Bloomfield,               | Jones,                   | Ringgold,            |
| Blount,                   | Lincoln,                 | Robertson,           |
| Boden,                    | Little,                  | Sampson,             |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>       | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>      | Schuyler,            |
| Colston,                  | W. Maclay,               | Sergeant,            |
| Comstock,                 | Middleton,               | Settle,              |
| Cook,                     | Robert Moore,            | Seybert,             |
| Cruger,                   | Saml. Moore,             | Silsbee,             |
| Davidson,                 | Mumford,                 | Bal. Smith,          |
| Earle,                    | Murray,                  | Alex. Smyth,         |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>       | H. Nelson,               | Southard,            |
| Floyd,                    | T. M. Nelson, <i>a s</i> | Storrs,              |
| Fuller,                   | Nesbitt,                 | Trimble,             |
| Gage,                     | New,                     | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i> |
| Gilbert,                  | Newton,                  | Walker, <i>N. C.</i> |
| Harrison,                 | Ogden,                   | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>  |
| Hendricks,                | Ogle,                    | Wallace,             |
| Herbert,                  | Parrott,                 | Wendover,            |
| Herkimer,                 | Patterson,               | Whiteside,           |
| Herrick,                  | Pawling,                 | Whitman,             |
| Hiester,                  | Pindall,                 | Wilkin,              |
| Hitchcock,                |                          |                      |



Those who voted in the negative, are

| Mr. Abbot,           | Mr. Hall, <i>Del.</i> | Mr. Richards,          |
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| Adams,               | Hall, <i>N. C.</i>    | Ruggles,               |
| Austin,              | Hasbrouck,            | Savage,                |
| Ball,                | Hogg,                 | Scudder,               |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i> | Hopkinson,            | Sherwood,              |
| Bassett,             | Hunter                | Simkins,               |
| Bateman,             | Johnson, <i>Vir.</i>  | Slocumb,               |
| Bayley,              | Kinsey,               | J. S. Smith,           |
| Bennett,             | Lawyer,               | Speed,                 |
| Boss,                | Linn,                 | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>  |
| Bryan,               | Livermore,            | Strother,              |
| Butler, <i>N. H.</i> | W. P. Maclay,         | Tallmadge,             |
| Campbell,            | McCoy,                | Tarr,                  |
| Claggett,            | Marchand,             | Taylor,                |
| Claiborne,           | Mason, <i>Mass.</i>   | Terrell,               |
| Cobb,                | Merrill,              | Terry,                 |
| Crafts,              | Mills,                | Tompkins,              |
| Crawford,            | Morton,               | Townsend,              |
| Cushman,             | Moseley,              | Tucker, <i>Vir.</i>    |
| Darlington,          | Jer. Nelson,          | Upham,                 |
| Desha,               | Orr,                  | Westerlo,              |
| Drake,               | Owen,                 | Williams, <i>Con.</i>  |
| Edwards,             | Pegram,               | Williams <i>N. F.</i>  |
| Ellicott,            | Pitkin,               | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> |
| Garnett,             | Rice,                 | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i>   |
| Hale,                | Rich,                 | Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> 78  |

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting information of the progress that has been made under the act of Congress, of the 3d of March, 1817, entitled "An act to set apart, and dispose of certain public lands, for the encouragement and cultivation of the vine and olive," rendered in obedience to the resolution of the House, of the 10th instant; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 15, 1818.

Mr. Pitkin, presented a petition of Nathaniel Church, a soldier in the revolutionary army, stating, that he was placed on the pension list of the United States, in the year 1808; and praying to be allowed the arrearages of pension up to the said year 1808.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Hopkinson, presented a petition of Paul Beck, jr. and Isaac Harvey, jr. praying to be repaid the duties, paid by them in the years 1803, 1804, 1805 and 1806, on copper which they imported in the

said years; as it has since been decided by the proper judicial tribunal, that the said copper was not, at the times of importation, subject to duty.

Mr. Sergeant, presented a petition of Paul Beck, jr. and Thomas Sparks, of the city of Philadelphia, manufacturers of shot; praying that an additional duty of one cent per pound, may be imposed on shot imported into the United States.

Mr. Sergeant, also presented a petition of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, and of the owners of property on the river Delaware, adjoining the incorporated limits of said city, praying that the limits of the port of entry and delivery of Philadelphia, may be extended from the navy yard on the south, to the Cohocksink creek, on the north.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Sergeant, also presented a petition of Jonathan S. Smith, of the city of Philadelphia, stating that at the commencement of the late rupture between the United States and the Dey and Regency of Algiers, he was compelled to abandon in the latter place, a quantity of coffee, amounting in value to 6,801 dollars; that under the fourth article of the treaty lately concluded with that power, the validity of his and all similar claims have been recognised, and that he has received, on account, the sum of two thousand dollars, and praying that the balance now due, on account of the coffee, abandoned as aforesaid, may be paid to him with interest thereon.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Blount, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of east Tennessee, praying for an appropriation of the sum of four hundred dollars, out of the public treasury, to be applied in removing the obstructions in the Muscle Shoals, in the river Tennessee.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Hendricks, presented a memorial of the Blue River Association, in the state of Indiana, praying for the adoption of such regulations respecting the Indians, as shall appear best calculated to promote their welfare and civilization.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed on the 7th inst. to inquire into the expediency of holding the courts of the United States, within the state of Ohio, alternately at Cincinnati, and such other place, as may be hereafter designated by law, made a report thereon; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Alexander Black, and Benjamin Wells; and that the former be referred to the

committee of Commerce and Manufactures and the latter to the Select committee appointed on the 2d inst. on the petition of John Wells.

Mr. Robert Moore, from the committee appointed on the first inst. on the petition of John B. C. Lucas and Clement B. Penrose, made a report thereon, which was read: when,

Mr. Moore, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of the said John B. C. Lucas and Clement B. Penrose; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth.

The Speaker laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of War. made in obedience to a resolution of the 17th of April last, directing him to report whether any, and, if any, what reduction may be made in the military peace establishment of the United States, with safety to the public service, and whether any, and, if any, what change ought to be made in the ration, and in the mode of issuing it; and also, a system for the establishment of a commissariat for the army; which report was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Colston, submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table, viz:

Resolved, That the President of the United States, be requested to lay before this House, any correspondence, which may have taken place between this government and that of Great Britain, relative to the trial and execution of Arbuthnot and Armbrister.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the committee on Commerce and Manufactures, be directed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light house on Wind Mill point, at the mouth of the Rappahannock river; and also, of placing a floating light on Willoughby's Shoals, between Lynhaven Bay and Hampton Roads.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting the several islands, in the Tennessee river, lying within the limits of the Alabama territory, for the improvement of the navigation of said river.

On motion of Mr. Hitchcock,

Resolved that the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a port of entry, at the mouth of Grand river, in the county of Geauga and state of Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Hall, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a mail boat to ply between Washington, North Carolina, and Shell Castle, at Ocracoke bar.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I lay before the House of Representatives, copies of the remainder of the documents, referred to in the message of the 17th of last month.

JAMES MONROE.

*December 15, 1818.*

The said message was read, and with the documents ordered to lie on the table.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Hopkinson; and the same being amended, was agreed to as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the President of the United States, be requested to cause to be communicated to this House, such further correspondence and proceedings in relation to our affairs with Spain, as, in his opinion, it shall not be inconsistent with the public interest to divulge.

Mr. Hopkinson and Mr. Holmes, were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills from this House of the following titles, "An act for the relief of William Barton," and "An act granting to Mehitable Cole, the land therein mentioned."

And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to extend for a further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers, who died or were killed in the late war," was read the third time; and being on its passage,

A motion was made by Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, to recommit the said bill to a select committee, with instructions to amend the same, by extending its provisions, so as to embrace the widow and children of officers and soldiers, who are included in the second section of "An act making further provisions for military services during the late war, and for other purposes," approved April 16, 1816.

A motion was then made by Mr. Pitkin, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely: when,

Mr. Whitman, moved to lay it on the table; which latter motion being rejected,

The question was then taken, shall the said bill be postponed indefinitely?

When there appeared,      { Yeas.....79,  
                                     { Nays..... 79.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,           | Mr. Hall, <i>Del.</i> | Mr. Rice,              |
| Adams,               | Hall, <i>N. C.</i>    | Rich,                  |
| Allen, <i>Mass.</i>  | Hasbrouck,            | Richards,              |
| Austin,              | Hogg,                 | Ruggles,               |
| Ball,                | Hopkinson,            | Savage,                |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i> | Hunter,               | Sawyer,                |
| Bassett,             | Huntington,           | Scudder,               |
| Bateman,             | Johnson, <i>Va.</i>   | Sherwood,              |
| Bayley,              | Kirtland,             | Simkins,               |
| Bennett,             | Lawyer,               | Slacumb,               |
| Boss,                | Linn,                 | S. Smith,              |
| Bryan,               | Livermore,            | J. S. Smith,           |
| Butler, <i>N. H.</i> | W. P. Macclay,        | Speed,                 |
| Campbell,            | McCoy,                | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>  |
| Clagett,             | Marchand,             | Strother,              |
| Claiborne,           | Mason, <i>Mass.</i>   | Tarr,                  |
| Cobb,                | Mason, <i>R. I.</i>   | Taylor,                |
| Crafts,              | Merrill,              | Terry,                 |
| Crawford,            | Mills,                | Tompkins,              |
| Cushman,             | Morton,               | Townsend,              |
| Darlington,          | Mosely,               | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>     |
| Desha,               | Jer. Nelson,          | Upham,                 |
| Drake,               | Orr,                  | Williams, <i>Con.</i>  |
| Edwards,             | Owen,                 | Williams, <i>N. Y.</i> |
| Ellicott,            | Pegram,               | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i>   |
| Folger,              | Pitkin,               | Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> 79  |
| Garnett,             |                       |                        |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Anderson, <i>Penn.</i> | Mr. Harrison,        | Mr. Mercer,   |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i>      | Hendricks,           | Middleton,    |
| Baldwin,                   | Herbert,             | Robert Moore, |
| Barber, <i>Ohio,</i>       | Herkimer,            | Samuel Moore, |
| Beecher,                   | Herrick,             | Mumford,      |
| Bellinger,                 | Hiester,             | Murray,       |
| Bloomfield,                | Hitchcock,           | H. Nelson,    |
| Blount,                    | Holmes,              | T. M. Nelson, |
| Boden,                     | Hostetter,           | Nesbitt,      |
| Butler, <i>Lon.</i>        | Hubbard,             | New,          |
| Colston,                   | Irving, <i>N. Y.</i> | Newton,       |
| Comstock,                  | Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Ogle,         |
| Cook,                      | Jones,               | Palmer,       |
| Cruger,                    | Kinsey,              | Parrott,      |
| Davidson,                  | Lewis,               | Patterson,    |
| Earle,                     | Lincoln,             | Pawling,      |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>        | Little,              | Pindall,      |
| Floyd,                     | McLean, <i>Ill.</i>  | Pleasants,    |
| Gage,                      | W. Macclay,          | Poindexter,   |
| Gilbert,                   |                      |               |

Mr. Porter,  
Quarles;  
Rhea,  
Ringgold,  
Robertson,  
Rogers,  
Sampson,

Mr. Sergeant,  
Settle,  
Silsbee,  
Bal. Smith,  
Alex. Smyth,  
Storrs,  
Tallmadge,

Mr. Trimble;  
Tucker, *S. C.*  
Walker, *N. C.*  
Walker, *Ken.*  
Wallace,  
Wendover,  
Whitman, 79

The House being equally divided, the Speaker voted in the negative; and so the said motion was rejected.

The question then recurred, to recommit the bill with instructions as aforesaid; and a division thereof being called for, was taken on the first member thereof, to wit: shall the said bill be recommended to a select committee?

And also determined in the negative,

{ Yeas.....62,  
Nays.....97.

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbot,  
Adams,  
Allen, *Mas.*  
Austin,  
Bennett,  
Boss,  
Bryan,  
Butler, *N. H.*  
Claggett,  
Cobb,  
Crafts,  
Crawford,  
Cushman,  
Darlington,  
Desha,  
Edwards,  
Ellicott,  
Folger,  
Hall, *Del.*  
Hall, *N. C.*  
Hasbrouck,

Mr. Hogg,  
Hunter,  
Huntington,  
Kirtland,  
Lawyer,  
Linn,  
W. P. Maclay,  
M'Coy,  
Mason, *R. I.*  
Merrill,  
Mills,  
Morton,  
Moseley,  
Jer. Nelson,  
Orr,  
Owen,  
Palmer,  
Pegram,  
Pitkin,  
Rice,  
Rich,

Mr. Richards,  
Ruggles,  
Savage,  
Sawyer,  
Scudder,  
Sherwood,  
Simkins,  
Slocum,  
S. Smith,  
J. S. Smith,  
Speed,  
Stewart, *N. C.*  
Strother,  
Taylor,  
Terry,  
Tucker, *Va.*  
Upham,  
Williams, *Conn.*  
Williams, *N. Y.*  
Wilson, *Penn.* 62

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Anderson, *Pas.*  
Anderson, *Ken.*  
Baldwin,  
Ball,  
Barbour, *Va.*  
Barber, *Ohio,*  
Bassett,

Mr. Bateman,  
Bayley,  
Beecher,  
Bellinger,  
Bloomfield,  
Blount,  
Bodan,

Mr. Butler, *Leu.*  
Campbell,  
Claiborne,  
Colston,  
Comstock,  
Cook,  
Cruger,

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| Mr. Davidson.        | Mr. Lincoln,        | Mr. Rhea,               |
| Dyke,                | Little,             | Ringgold,               |
| Earle,               | Livermore,          | Robertson,              |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>  | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i> | Rogers,                 |
| Floyd,               | W. Maclay,          | Sampson,                |
| Fuller,              | Marchand,           | Schuyler,               |
| Gage,                | Mason, <i>Mass.</i> | Sergeant,               |
| Garnett,             | Middleton,          | Settle,                 |
| Gilbert,             | Robt. Moore,        | Silsbee,                |
| Harrison,            | Saml. Moore,        | Bal. Smith,             |
| Hendricks,           | Mumford,            | Alex. Smyth,            |
| Herbert,             | Murray,             | Storrs,                 |
| Herkimer,            | H. Nelson,          | Tallmadge,              |
| Herrick,             | T. M. Nelson,       | Tarr,                   |
| Hiester,             | Nesbitt,            | Tompkins,               |
| Hitchcock,           | New,                | Townsend,               |
| Holmes,              | Newton,             | Trimble,                |
| Hopkinson,           | Parrott,            | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>    |
| Hostetter,           | Patterson,          | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>    |
| Hubbard,             | Pawling,            | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>     |
| Irving, <i>N. F.</i> | Pindall,            | Wallace,                |
| Johnson, <i>Va.</i>  | Pleasants,          | Wendover,               |
| Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Poindexter,         | Westerlo,               |
| Jones,               | Porter,             | Whiteside,              |
| Kinsey,              | Quarles,            | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i> 97 |
| Lewis,               |                     |                         |

The question was then taken, shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....82,  
Nays..... 79.

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Anderson, <i>Pa.</i> | Mr. Ervin, <i>S. C.</i> | Mr. Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i>    | Floyd,                  | Jones,                   |
| Baldwin,                 | Fuller,                 | Kinsey,                  |
| Barber, <i>Ohio,</i>     | Gage,                   | Lewis,                   |
| Beecher,                 | Gilbert,                | Lincoln,                 |
| Bellinger,               | Harrison,               | Little,                  |
| Bloomfield,              | Hendricks,              | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>      |
| Blount,                  | Herbert,                | W. Maclay,               |
| Boden,                   | Herkimer,               | Mercer,                  |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>      | Herrick,                | Middleton,               |
| Colston,                 | Hiester,                | Rob. Moore,              |
| Comstock,                | Hitchcock,              | Saml. Moore,             |
| Cook,                    | Holmes,                 | Mumford,                 |
| Cruger,                  | Hostetter,              | Murray,                  |
| Davidson,                | Hubbard,                | H. Nelson,               |
| Earle,                   | Irving, <i>N. F.</i>    | T. M. Nelson,            |

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| Mr. Nesbitt,<br>New,<br>Newton,<br>Ogle,<br>Palmer,<br>Parrott,<br>Patterson,<br>Pawling,<br>Pindall,<br>Pleasants,<br>Poindexter,<br>Porter, | Mr. Quarles,<br>Rhea,<br>Ringgold,<br>Robertson,<br>Rogers,<br>Sampson,<br>Schuyler,<br>Sergeant,<br>Settle,<br>Silsbee,<br>Bal. Smith, | Mr. Alex. Smyth,<br>Storrs,<br>Trimble,<br>Tucker, <i>S. C.</i><br>Walker, <i>N. C.</i><br>Walker, <i>Ken.</i><br>Wallace,<br>Wendover,<br>Whiteside,<br>Whitman,<br>Wilkin, |
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Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,<br>Adams,<br>Allen, <i>Mass.</i><br>Austin,<br>Ball,<br>Barbour, <i>Va.</i><br>Bassett,<br>Bateman,<br>Bayley,<br>Bennett,<br>Boss,<br>Bryan,<br>Butler, <i>N. H.</i><br>Campbell,<br>Clagett,<br>Claiborne,<br>Cobb,<br>Crafts,<br>Cushman,<br>Darlington,<br>Desha,<br>Drake,<br>Edwards,<br>Ellicott,<br>Garnett,<br>Hall, <i>Del.</i><br>Hall, <i>N. C.</i> | Mr. Hasbrouck,<br>Hogg,<br>Hopkinson,<br>Hunter,<br>Huntington,<br>Johnson, <i>Va.</i><br>Kirtland,<br>Lawyer,<br>Linn,<br>Livermore,<br>W. P. Maclay,<br>M'Coy,<br>Marchand,<br>Mason, <i>Mass.</i><br>Mason, <i>R. I.</i><br>Merrill,<br>Mills,<br>Morton,<br>Moseley,<br>Jer. Nelson,<br>Orr,<br>Owen,<br>Pegram,<br>Pitkin,<br>Rice,<br>Rich, | Mr. Richards,<br>Ruggles,<br>Savage,<br>Sawyer,<br>Scudder,<br>Sherwood,<br>Simpkins,<br>Slocumb,<br>S. Smith,<br>J. S. Smith,<br>Speed,<br>Stewart, <i>N. C.</i><br>Strother,<br>Tallmadge,<br>Tarr,<br>Taylor,<br>Terry,<br>Tompkins,<br>Townsend,<br>Tucker, <i>Va.</i><br>Upham,<br>Westerloo,<br>Williams, <i>Con.</i><br>Williams, <i>N. Y.</i><br>Wilson, <i>Mass.</i><br>Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> |
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Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill, to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the eastern branch of the Potomac, from the southern termination of Eleventh street, east, in the City of Washington; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wilkin, reported the said bill with amendments, which were read and agreed to by the House.



Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee of Claims, made at the last session, (3d of March, 1818.) on the petition of capt. Giles Kellog and others; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again, on the said report.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Samuel H. Harper; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson, reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Thomas B. Farish; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ball reported the same, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 16, 1818.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported that the committee, did yesterday, present to the President of the United States, the two enrolled bills, the examination of which, was reported on the same day.

Mr. Clagett, presented a petition of Moses Hoyt, late a captain in the army of the United States, stating that he incurred a considerable extra expense, while engaged in the recruiting service, and praying a reimbursement of the same.

Mr. Tompkins, presented a petition of Martha Youngs, and others, heirs of Joseph Youngs, deceased, stating that the dwelling house, all the out houses, and the whole of the personal property belonging to the deceased, lying near the city of New York, were destroyed by the British forces in the revolutionary war, because the said dwelling and out houses, had frequently been, and were at the time of destruction, occupied by a detachment of American troops; and praying compensation therefor.

Mr. Tompkins, also presented a similar petition of Jonathan Ward, on behalf of himself, and the other heirs of Stephen Ward, deceased.

Mr. Sergeant, presented a petition of Elisha Gordon, praying to be paid the amount of a loan office certificate, issued in the year 1777, to his mother, which certificate has been lost or mislaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Folger, presented a petition of Beriah Norton, of the island of Martha's Vineyard, in the state of Massachusetts, stating that in the early part of the revolutionary war, a large British force entered a part of the said island, and compelled himself and other inhabitants to deliver them a quantity of stores, amounting in value, to seven thousand pounds sterling, which, by the resolves of the then Congress, he was permitted to demand payment for; that the demand was liquidated by the British government, after the conclusion of the war, and that three thousand pounds thereof was paid; that he has been three times to England, for the purpose of getting the balance which was, and is still withheld, and praying such relief in the premises, as it may be in the power of Congress to grant.

Mr. Sergeant, presented a petition of Lewis Joseph de Beau-lieu, late captain in count Pulaski's legion, in the revolutionary war, praying for an increase of his pension.

Mr. Sergeant, also presented a petition of Charles Bowman, praying for a pension, in consideration of important and hazardous services rendered by him, in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, presented a document in support of the application of John Wall, for the land to which he conceives himself entitled, for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions and document be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Holmes, presented a petition of John Bergin, praying to be exonerated from his liability as the surety of a certain Oliver Shead, deceased, late a postmaster, at Eastport in the district of Maine, for the reasons set forth in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Robert Moore,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the borough of Erie, in the state of Pennsylvania, presented on the 29th December, 1817, be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Thomas M. Nelson, presented a petition of Sarah Easton and Dorothy Storer, legal representatives of Robert Hanson Harrison, deceased, secretary to General Washington, in the revolutionary war, praying to be allowed and paid, the depreciation of pay, to which the deceased was entitled, for his services in the capacity aforesaid; which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. T. M. Nelson, Mr. Darlington and Mr. Pegram, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Mason, of Rhode Island, presented a memorial of the representatives of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, (Quakers) of New England, praying that measures may be adopted for the better pro-

tection, improvement and amelioration of the condition of the Indian tribes.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a similar petition of the representatives of the Religious Society of Friends, in the state of New York, and parts adjacent.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a similar memorial of the representatives of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Baltimore, for the western shore of Maryland, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a similar memorial of the Baptist Association in the territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Butler presented a petition of Thomas Shields, a purser in the navy of the United States, stating that after the retreat of the British forces, from the vicinity of New Orleans, in the late war, he was permitted to fit out, at his private expense, and to command an expedition for the purpose of cutting off their retreat; that he succeeded in capturing eight barges and 132 men, and destroyed a large and valuable transport; and praying compensation therefor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Hendricks, presented a petition of Joseph Richardson, praying for a renewal of a warrant for 320 acres of land, issued under the act, granting bounties in land, to certain Canadian volunteers, which said warrant he has lost or mislaid, or that he may be permitted to locate the land, without the said warrant.

Mr. Hendricks, also presented a petition of Ezra Child, praying compensation for his services in various capacities in the militia service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Joseph Gillpatrick and Philip Thomas, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Joseph Gillpatrick, be not granted, and that Philip Thomas, have leave to *withdraw* his papers.

Mr. Rhea, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Sarah Ingram, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the case of Faulker Simmons, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, made reports on the petitions of James Houston and Wil-

lian Stothart, which were read; and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the house, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners respectively, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Smith, also made an unfavorable report, on the petition of Elijah Brown, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report, on the petition of Richard Frisby, which was read and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the same committee, made at the last session, (3d Feb. 1818) on the petition of Samuel Hughes.

Mr. Williams, also made an unfavorable report on the several petitions of Herman B. Potter, of Gilman Fulsom, jr. and Ezekiel Fulsom, of Gilman Fulsom, of Samuel Pratt and of Ezra St. John, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to which was referred, the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Matthew Barrow," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill, allowing to each noncommissioned officer, musician and private in the army of the United States, who were on furlough at the close of the late war with Great Britain, a bounty in land, as in other cases; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Poindexter, from the same committee, to which was referred, the petition of the General Assembly of the state of Illinois, reported a bill granting a donation of land, to the state of Illinois, for the seat of government of said state, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of captain Stanton Sholes, which was read: when,

Mr. Johnson, reported a bill for the relief of the said captain Stanton Sholes, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson, also made a report on the petition of Harvey Wakefield, which was read: when,

Mr. Johnson, reported a bill for the relief of the said Harvey Wakefield, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson, also reported a bill, providing for the payment of property, lost and destroyed in the Seminole war, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Pierre Baribeau; and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

The Speaker, laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of public lands sold in the Alabama territory, and the amount paid to receivers, and the balance due by individuals; rendered in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the 3d inst. which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Pitkin, be excused from a further service, on the joint committee, appointed upon the subject of the printing, ordered by the respective Houses of Congress, and that Mr. Seybert be appointed of the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Sampson,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Plympton by Carver, to Wareham, and of discontinuing the post road from Plymouth by Carver and Plympton, to Middleborough, in Massachusetts.

Mr. Clagett, submitted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, to designate and set apart, ——— townships, each of six miles square, in the state of Illinois, east of the military bounty lands, each alternate section thereof, to be settled by emigrants from Ireland, and sold to them at two dollars per acre, to be paid by three instalments, as follows, to wit: one third part thereof, at the end of four years; one other third part thereof at the end of eight years; and the residue thereof, at the end of twelve years, from the day of sale, with interest on the said several sums. Provided,

First. That the said Secretary of the Treasury may, and it shall be his duty to, reject all applications of such emigrants, for the lands aforesaid; unless the applicants shall have been satisfactorily recommended, as moral and industrious men.

Secondly. That no contract shall be made with any emigrant as aforesaid, unless he engage to improve at least twenty of each hundred acres, to be transferred as aforesaid; and also to erect a suitable dwelling house and barn thereon.

Thirdly. That no contract shall be binding upon the United States, nor title vest in any emigrant settler, until he shall have made the settlement and improvements aforesaid, and fully paid for the lands contracted for as aforesaid.

Fourthly. That no such contract shall be made, nor a patent issued to any one settler or his heirs, for more than ——— acres of land.

Fifthly. That in every instance, where the conditions of settlement, improvement, or payment, shall not have been fully complied with, at the expiration of the term of twelve years, from the date of such contract, the said premises so forfeited, shall revert to the

United States; and the Secretary of the Treasury, shall cause the same to be sold, for the benefit of the said United States; provided, nevertheless, that in all cases where payment in part shall have been made, the sum or sums so paid, shall be refunded to such emigrant, or his heirs.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed and instructed to prepare and report a bill, embracing the subject matter, and in pursuance of the foregoing first resolution.

The question was then taken, will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Tarr, submitted the following resolution, which was read and rejected by the House, viz:

Resolved, That the committee on Roads and Canals, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appropriating the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in further completing that part of the turnpike road, lying between Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, and Wheeling in the state of Virginia; and pledging for the repayment thereof, the two per cent. fund, arising from the sales of the public lands, northwest of the river Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for allowing an equal bounty in land, as other soldiers, to all minors who enlisted in the army of the United States, in the late war, and continued in service until peace was concluded, and were regularly discharged.

On motion of Mr. Austin,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Petersburg, in Virginia, by Moody's, Bevil's bridge, Amelia court house, Painesville and James town, to Farmville in the county of Prince Edward, and state aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury, be directed to lay before the House of Representatives, a statement of the tracts of land, reserved for the establishment of towns in the Alabama territory, specifying the price at which said land have been sold, and such other information as may be in his possession, relative to said reservations.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a separate territorial government, in that part of the new territory of Missouri, lying north of thirty six degrees and thirty minutes, north latitude, which is called the Arkansaw Country, and which is not included in the proposed boundaries of the projected state of Missouri, by the bill now before the House, for the purpose of establishing a state government, in part of

the territory of Missouri, and that the said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise: and,

Mr. Robertson, Mr. Beecher and Mr. Jones, were appointed the said committee.

An engrossed bill to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the eastern branch of the Potomac, from the southern termination of Eleventh street, east, in the City of Washington, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the eastern branch of the Potomac, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, east, in the City of Washington."

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper; and,

An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish,

were also read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said three bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign, two enrolled bills, to wit:

An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819, and to make good a deficit in the appropriation for holding treaties with the Indians; and,

An act concerning the western district court of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill directing the payment of certain bills drawn by general Armstrong, in favor of Thomas Morgan; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Pleasants reported the same with amendment, which were concurred in by the House, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of doctor Mottrom Ball; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to regulate passenger ships and vessels; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to regulate the payment to invalid pensioners; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Besta,

reported the same with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. William P. Maclay, that the said bill be recommitted to the committee on Military Affairs, which motion was rejected; and it was,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 17, 1818.

Another member, to wit: from South Carolina, Stephen D. Miller, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Elias Bates, Robert Little, Leonard Pierce, Benjamin King and Solomon Rice, a committee chosen by the inhabitants of Eastport, in the district of Maine, praying that the duties secured on the goods found at Eastport aforesaid, on the restoration of that place to the United States, may be remitted to the persons respectively, by whom they were secured.

Mr. Drake, presented a petition of Benjamin Dresser, praying that certain duties paid by him, on his distillery, may be refunded, as upon an examination of the proper act, it was discovered that he had paid a greater amount than was legally due.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, presented a petition of Jacob Greer, praying compensation for his services, in completing the collection of the direct tax and internal duties, laid in the year 1798, for the 39th collection district, in the state of North Carolina, as also for a reimbursement of expenses incurred in making said collection.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Cushman, presented a petition of Ruth Reed, widow of William Reed, a soldier in the army in the late war with Great Britain, who died previous to joining the regiment to which he belonged, and being mustered therein, in consequence of which, as she states, she is unable to obtain the bounty in land, to which the deceased was entitled, in virtue of his services as aforesaid, and praying for a grant of the said land.

Mr. Hendricks, presented a petition of P. Callan, a lieutenant in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, stating that he deposited his vouchers, for the expenditure of moneys placed in his hands for the recruiting service, in the office of the adjutant general at Philadelphia, by whom they were transmitted to the War Department, and that the said vouchers cannot now be found, and praying that the accounting officers may be directed to settle his accounts upon just and equitable principles.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.



Mr. Storrs, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Huntsville, in the territory of Alabama, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sergeant, presented a petition of John T. David, a lieutenant in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, stating that he is unable to effect a settlement of his accounts, as assistant deputy paymaster, in consequence of the accidental loss of some of his documents, occasioned by the burning of the house in which he resided in the city of Philadelphia, and of others being so defaced as to be illegible; but that having taken duplicate receipts, he is in possession of an entire set; and praying relief from Congress.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant, presented a petition of Thomas Fletcher, Sidney Gardiner, John Stoddart, and Rufus Tyler, proprietors of a newly invented machine, for making screws of wire, commonly called *wood screws*, at one operation; praying that such a specific duty may be imposed on *wood screws*, imported into the United States, as will be proportionable to the duty at present imposed on imported iron wire.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hitchcock, presented a petition of Asa Turney, praying compensation for his services, as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Bassett, presented a petition of Abraham Montague, praying for a confirmation of his right to a tract of land in Kentucky, granted by the state of Virginia, to his late father, for meritorious services, rendered in the revolutionary war, or that he may be paid for the said land.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Rufus Easton, on behalf of himself and the heirs of James Bruff, deceased, praying confirmation of their title to a tract of land at *Mine a Joe*, in the territory of Missouri.

Mr. Scott, presented a petition of Richard K. Venables and William Tharp, praying for a confirmation of their title to lands in the territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Elias Parks, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, made

an unfavorable report on the petition of William Stranahan, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Poindexter, also made a report on the petition of Jacob Cooper, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be *rejected*.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill, concerning the marshal and district attorney of the western district of Pennsylvania; and the clerk of the eastern district of said state, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter addressed to him, by Heman Allen, containing a notification of the resignation of his seat in this House, as one of the representatives from the state of Vermont, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky, be appointed of the committee of Foreign Affairs, in the place of Mr. Allen, resigned.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting statements, rendered in obedience to the resolution of this House, of the 4th of April last, in relation to the expenditure of the several appropriations heretofore made, to reward the officers and crews of certain public armed vessels, for captures made by them during the late war with Great Britain, which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury, be directed to communicate to this House, a copy of the instructions given by him under the 8th section of the act of the 21st of April, 1806, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act, for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to lands within the territory of Orleans and district of Louisiana;' to the several boards of commissioners, appointed under the act of the 2d of March, 1805, for the ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land within the aforesaid territories."

On motion of Mr. Slocumb,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Newbern, (North Carolina,) by Tillman's Mill, to Bay river.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the expediency, of providing by law, for the payment of lost Treasury notes.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act to enable the people of the Indiana territory, to form a constitution and

state government, as to authorize the selection of lands granted to the state, for the purpose of fixing their seat of government, in quarter sections and fractions, or parts of fractions, and if necessary, in contiguous townships, as the legislature of the state may direct.

On motion of Mr. Silsbee,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the expediency, of allowing goods, on which the duty has been paid, to be transported coastwise, to one or more districts within the United States, without loss of debenture.

On motion of Mr. Sergeant,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire whether any, and what further powers, are necessary to enable the accounting officers of the United States, to settle and adjust accounts of long standing, where, from loss of vouchers or other known cause, no additional evidence can be expected.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing James Andrews on the pension list, and that his documents herewith, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Herkimer,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route, from the city of Schenectady to Utica, on the south side of the Mohawk river, in the state of New York.

An engrossed bill, regulating the payments to invalid pensioners, was read the third time; and,

On motion of Mr. Rich,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to the committee on Military Affairs.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of doctor Mottrom Ball,

An act directing the payment of certain bills, drawn by general Armstrong, in favor of William Morgan; and,

An act regulating passenger ships and vessels; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid; and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report made by the committee of Claims, at the last session, (3d March. 1818,) on the petition of captain Giles Kellogg, and the company under his command; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith of Maryland, reported their agreement to the resolution recommended by the committee of Claims, which was read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be *rejected*.

A motion was then made by Mr. Bassett, to recommit the said report to the committee of Claims; which motion was rejected; and,

The said resolution was then concurred in.

Mr. Little, from the joint committee, on the subject of the public printing made report, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That when any printing is done, by virtue of a joint rule or resolution of the two Houses, the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, jointly, and when ordered by either House, the Secretary and Clerk respectively, be authorized and required, to employ such printer or printers, as will most expedite its execution and delivery, and allow him or them, the same prices now allowed to the printer employed by the said Secretary and Clerk, giving the latter *the preference*, when it be *practicable* for him to execute and deliver it as soon as it can be done by any other printer or printers.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 18, 1818.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Thomas Cutts, jr. praying to be repaid the amount paid by him, for a proportion of a certain schooner, sold by the deputy marshal, in the district of Maine, to satisfy a judgment obtained by the United States, against certain persons in said district, of which proportion of said schooner, he has been dispossessed, by order of the supreme judicial court of the state of Massachusetts, who have decided that no title vested in him by the said sale.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Mills, presented a petition of Luther Frink, stating that his father, John Frink, was a soldier in the revolutionary army, but that owing to mental derangement, he is incapacitated from making the proper application to the War Department, for the pension granted by the act of the last session, making provision for certain persons, engaged in the land and naval service, in the revolutionary war; and praying that a pension may be granted to his said father.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Mills, also presented a petition of Josiah White, praying to be permitted to take out a new patent for his invention of a press, used in the manufacture of linsced oil; which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Mills, Mr. Cruger, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Seybert and Mr. Abbott, were appointed the said committee.

The Speaker presented a memorial of the legislative council and house of representatives of the territory of Missouri, in the name

and on behalf of the people of said territory, praying that they may be permitted to form a constitution and state government, with the boundaries described in said petition; and admitted into the union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill to enable the people of the territory of Missouri, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Scott, presented a petition of Jesse Richardson, praying that his title to a tract of land, in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott, presented sundry resolutions adopted by the legislative council and house of representatives of the territory of Missouri, instructing him as the delegate of said territory, in this House, to use his exertions to procure the passage of a law for the admission of that territory into the union as a state, with the boundaries described in the petition this day presented by the Speaker; as also to procure certain donations and appropriations of land, for the purposes therein specified.

Ordered, That the said resolutions be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to authorize the people of the said territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the union, on an equal footing with the original states.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered. That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, by Frederick Bates, their agent, presented on the 2d March, 1816, and the petition of sundry inhabitants of Mine-a-Breton, presented on the 1st of February, 1817; be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, containing a plan for the adjustment of titles and claims to land in the said territory.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of Daniel Bickley and of Catharine Clark, administratrix of John Clark, deceased, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Smith, also reported a bill. making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1819, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Charles Bowman, John Wall and Nathaniel Church, which were read; and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners respectively be not granted.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a favorable report, on the petition of Charles S. Leonard, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Kinsley and French.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Port Tobacco, by Bryantown, to Benedict, in Charles county, in the state of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Robert Moore,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from New Bedford, in the county of Mercer, and state of Pennsylvania, to New Castle in the county and state aforesaid.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, of Maryland, that the House reconsider the vote taken yesterday; to concur in the resolution contained in the report made by the Joint committee, on the subject of the public printing.

And the question being taken to reconsider the said vote, it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said report be recommitted to the committee by which the same was made.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill relating to duties on foreign merchandise, be discharged, and that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John Baker and the legal representatives of Peter Trouillet, and on the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pleasants reported that the committee had made some progress in the first mentioned bill, and directed him to ask leave to sit again; and directed him to report the last mentioned bill, without amendment.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said first mentioned bill; and that the said last mentioned bill be engrossed and read a third time, on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to authorize the settlement and payment of certain claims of the state of Massachusetts; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith of Maryland, reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Thadeus Mayhew; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson, reported the same with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting sundry statements, relative to the internal duties and direct tax, as required by the 33d section of the act of the 22d July, 1813; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of lands sold, northwest of the river Ohio, the purchase money of which has not been fully paid, and of moneys received for said lands, and of the sums now due, together with a description of bank paper, which has been received and is still receivable for the same; which was also ordered to lie on the table.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Poindexter, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, do adjourn their respective Houses, from Monday next, until Monday the 28th instant.

The said resolution was read the first time; and on the question, shall it be *now* read a second time?

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

#### MONDAY, December 21, 1818.

Another member, to wit: from Massachusetts, Solomon Strong, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Sampson, presented a petition of James Warren, a lieutenant on board the frigate Alliance, commanded by captain Peter Landais, in the revolutionary war, praying for his share of two prizes captured by that ship, in company with the ship Bon Homme Richard, commanded by captain John Paul Jones, on the coast of England, which were sent into the port of Bergen, in Norway, and subsequently delivered up to the British government by that of Denmark.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Porter, presented a petition of William Ray, praying to be paid a balance due him, for his services as captain's clerk, on

board the frigate *Essex*, while serving in the Mediterranean, in the war against the bey and regency of *Taipoli*.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of *Hanson Catlett*, a surgeon in the army of the United States, praying compensation for a negro slave, who was drowned while attending him as a servant, during the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Anderson, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of *John Martin*, *Samuel Peterson*, and *Hannah Peterson*; and a petition of *Joseph Dutton*, respectively praying compensation for the damage sustained in their landed property near *Marcus Hook*, whilst the same was occupied by the troops of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Porter, presented a petition of *Jasper Bennett*, the father and natural guardian of *Malcolm Bennett*, stating that *Theodore Wood*, deceased, devised to the said *Malcolm*, the bounty land to which he was entitled, for his services as a soldier in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, for which land he is unable to obtain a grant, in consequence of its being declared in the laws of the United States, that a soldier's right, in the bounty lands aforesaid, shall not be assignable or transferable in any manner whatsoever, previous to the emanation of the patent, and praying that an act may be passed, authorizing a grant of the land to which the said *Wood* was entitled, to his said son *Malcolm*.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of *Robert Swartwout*, quartermaster general in the army of the United States, in the late war, stating that under the orders of his superior officer, he took into the service of the said army, a boat called the *night hawk*, which was destroyed by the enemy, while in said service, that the owner of the boat, subsequently commenced suit against him, upon which he has recovered judgment in the supreme court of the state of New York, amounting with costs to the sum of 2500 dollars; and praying to be indemnified against the said judgment.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented documents, showing the loss of the recruiting accounts and vouchers of *Robert M. Calla*, late a major in the army of the United States, by reason of which he is unable to effect a settlement of his said accounts at the War Department.

Ordered, That the said petitions and documents be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of *James Green*, and company, manufacturers of copperas in the state of New Jersey, praying that the duty on imported copperas may be increased, from one to two dollars, per hundred weight.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.



Mr. Ogden, presented a petition of sundry merchants, and other inhabitants of the city of New York, praying for the establishment of an uniform system of bankruptcy, throughout the United States; which was referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Walker, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Archibald Felts, praying compensation for his services in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Walker, also presented a petition of Peter Betto, praying for a grant of land, in consideration of his services as a soldier in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Walker, also presented a petition of John Mabry, praying for a grant of land, due for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army, as also for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of John Brown, praying that his title to a tract of land in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Mr. McLean, of Illinois, presented a petition of Nicholas Jarrot, praying to be permitted to locate his confirmed claim to a tract of land in the State of Illinois, on any unlocated land in said state, for the reasons stated in the petition.

Mr. Scott, presented a petition of the inhabitants of the town of St. Charles, in the territory of Missouri, praying that the commons attached to the said town, may be surveyed and granted for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the town aforesaid.

Mr. Scott, presented a petition of Bernard Pratte, and others, heirs and representatives of Sylvester Labadie, deceased, and a petition of Antoine Saugrain, respectively praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott, also presented a petition of James Burns, stating that having settled on and improved public lands in the territory of Missouri, previous to the survey of the same, he now finds himself on sect. No. 16, reserved for the support of schools; and praying that other lands may be assigned for the use of schools, and that a right of pre-emption, in the purchase of the land on which he resides, may be granted to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Asa Turney, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

*Resolved, That the said petition of the petitioner be rejected.*

Mr. Rhea, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Oliver Pollock, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of James and John Maher, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Penticost, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Campbell, from the committee appointed on the 10th inst. reported a bill to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole tomorrow.

Mr. Marchand, from the committee appointed on the petition of John Wells, made a report which was read; when,

Mr. Marchand, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of the said John Wells, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill respecting the military establishment of the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to establish a national armoury.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Patrick Callan, which was read; when,

Mr. Johnson, reported a bill for the relief of the said Patrick Callan; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Joseph Wheaton.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee appointed on the 16th inst. reported a bill, establishing a separate territorial government, for the southern part of the territory of Missouri; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill authorizing the people of the territory of Missouri, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the union, on an equal footing with the original states.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the several laws, to prevent waste and damage on the public lands, by cutting timber thereon.

On motion of Mr. Livermore,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire whether the compensation of the

postmaster at Wiscasset, in the district of Main, ought to be increased, and to report accordingly.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements of the sales of public lands, during the year 1817, and the three first quarters of the year 1818; which were intended to have accompanied the annual report on the state of the finances, which was ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Alexander Montgomery, deceased," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid; and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Thaddeus Mayhow, was read the third time; and,

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to the committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general John Stark," with amendments. They have also passed bills of the following titles, viz: "An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Illinois;" and "An act for the relief of Louis and Antoine Dequindue;" in which amendments and bills, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general John Stark," were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Illinois," was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Louis and Antoine Dequindue," was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The resolution submitted by Mr. Poindexter, on the 18th inst. for a temporary adjournment of Congress, was read the second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That the said resolution be postponed indefinitely.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill, making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1819; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Holmes reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens, Lucretia Stephens, late Lucretia Sands, and others; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

**TUESDAY, December 22, 1818.**

Mr. Upham, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Stratford county, in the state of New Hampshire, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, presented a petition of Jonathan French, praying to be allowed the bounty land, to which he is entitled for his services as a soldier in the army, in the late war, which is denied him, in consequence of his having been discharged by reason of sickness, previous to the expiration of the term of his enlistment.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hunter, presented a petition of Benjamin Marvin, praying for a grant of land as a further compensation of his services as an officer in the revolutionary army, and as an indemnity for losses sustained in his property on Long Island, in the said war.

Mr. Crafts, presented a petition of Bissell Philips, a wagon master in the revolutionary army, praying compensation for his services as such and for a number of ox teams, wagons, and the necessary harness and appendages which he furnished at his private expense; or that he may be placed on the pension list.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented a petition of Alexander Foreman, an officer of militia, in the service of the United States, in the revolutionary war, praying for an increase of his pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Ordered, That the petition of William Dent Beall, presented

on the 21st October, 1814, be also referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Herbert, presented a petition of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Company, signed by John Davis, president of the said company, praying for the passage of an act, to authorize the said company to open and make a turnpike road from the boundary line of the City of Washington, to the boundary line of the District of Columbia.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Colston, presented a petition of Henry Strider, of Jefferson county, in the state of Virginia, complaining of the manner in which certain public lands near Harper's Ferry, have been sold, and praying that an investigation of the subject may be had, and that if the said sale shall be found to be fraudulent and illegal, that the said land may again be sold.

Mr. Colston, presented a similar petition, of sundry inhabitants of Jefferson county, in the state of Virginia.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented a petition of Teter Null, praying permission to change his entry of a tract of land, purchased of the United States, having through mistake and ignorance entered a tract different from that which he intended to enter, and on which he is actually located.

Mr. Hendricks, presented a petition of John James Dufour, on behalf of himself and his associates, stating, that a short time past, he went to the land office in Cincinnati, for the purpose of completing the payment for the lands, lying within the state of Indiana, heretofore purchased by them for the cultivation of the vine; and that the bank paper which he offered, would not be received, in consequence of an order from the Treasury Department, directing the receiver, not to receive any thing in payment for lands except specie, or notes of the bank of the United States; that he is unable to procure either within the time prescribed for the last payment, and that if the money is not paid by the first of January next, the lands will be forfeited to the United States; and praying for an extension of credit for one year from the said first day of January next, or such other relief as Congress may think proper to grant.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Louis and Antoine Dequindue," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill, be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for

Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined enrolled bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of William Barton,

An act for the relief of major general John Stark,

An act granting to Mehitable Cole, the land therein mentioned; and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of William Coffin, which was read; when,

Mr. Smith, reported a bill for the relief of William Coffin and others; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also reported a bill, making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year 1819; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill, to incorporate the ~~Pro~~vident Association of Clerks, in the Civil Department of the government of the United States, within the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill to incorporate the Medical Society, of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Illinois," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, laid before the House, a letter addressed to him, as chairman of the committee on Military Affairs, by the Secretary of War, upon the subject of the bill reported yesterday by the said committee, relating to the military establishment of the United States; which letter was committed to the committee of the whole, to whom the said bill is committed.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the First Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a list made by the Second Auditor, of those persons who have not rendered accounts to him, for settlement, within the year; which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to *To-hon-do-che* a *Seneca Warrior*, attached to the command of brigadier general M<sup>c</sup>Arthur, and who was wounded in an action

with the enemy, at Malcolm's Mills, in the province of Upper Canada.

On motion of Mr Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route, direct from Vincennes, in the state of Indiana, to Saint Louis, in the territory of Missouri. •

On motion of Mr. Peter,

Resolved, That the committee for the District of Columbia, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the corporation of the City of Washington, to open and use as a way, *Four and an half street west*, across the Mall in the said city, until the said Mall may be wanted for national purposes.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1819; and,

An act for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, submitted the following resolution.

Resolved, That the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, be instructed to consider the expediency of amending the law, of the last session, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war," approved March 18, 1818, so as to embrace such soldiers as enlisted or engaged for a less term than nine months, and at the request of the commanding officer or officers, continued and completed nine months, or more, actual service, at any one period of the war.

The question was then taken, will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which was committed, the bill authorizing the election of a delegate, from the Michigan territory, to the Congress of the United States; and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory, be discharged, and that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens, Lucretia Stevens, late Lucretia Sands, and others; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha, reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 23, 1818.



Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of Roger Leonard, a soldier in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, praying for a pension.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, presented a petition of John Berry, praying for a grant of the bounty land, to which he is entitled, for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Hostetter, presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the town of York, in the state of Pennsylvania, stating that notwithstanding the act prohibiting the importation of slaves; persons of color have been illegally introduced into the United States, and have been seized and sold as slaves, by virtue of the 5th section of the said act; and praying the interposition of Congress to prevent the said practice.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on so much of the President's message, as relates to the illicit introduction of slaves, into the United States.

Mr. Sergeant, presented a petition of Isaac Macaulay, floor and oil cloth manufacturer, in the city of Philadelphia, praying that an additional duty may be imposed on oil cloths imported into the United States.

Mr. Middleton, presented a petition of the Saint Andrews Society, of the city of Charleston, in South Carolina, praying for the remission of the duties on a set of chandeliers, which have been purchased by a voluntary subscription of the citizens of said city, for the use of the hall of said society.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of William M. Quinn, praying that an act may be passed, for the purpose of naturalizing his nephew John M. Quinn, who came to the United States, from Ireland, in the year 1809, for the purpose of becoming his heir at law, but that owing to informality in his application to the court, he cannot become a citizen, until the expiration of three years to come; which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, Mr. Sergeant, and Mr. Quarles, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Terrell,

Ordered, That the petition of James Wood, presented on the 31st December, 1816, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Herrick, presented a memorial of the representatives of the Religious Society of Friends, in the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, pray-



ing that schools may be established among the Indians, and that further measures may be adopted for their civilization.

Ordered; that the said petition be referred to the committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Archibald Felts; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* his papers.

Mr. Rhea, also made an unfavorable report, on the petition of Henry Tatum; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Peter Beto, and John Mabry, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, who were instructed by resolution, to inquire into the expediency of allowing goods, on which the duty has been paid or secured, to be transported coastwise, to one or more districts within the United States, without loss of debenture, made report; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, reported a bill to increase the duty on cotton, imported into the United States, and to prohibit the allowance of drawback, on the exportation of gunpowder; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, also reported a bill to authorize the payment in certain cases, on account of Treasury notes, which have been lost or destroyed; which was read the first and second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill for the relief of John James Dufour, and his associates; which was read the first and second time; and being amended,

Mr. Williams, moved to commit it to a committee of the whole, which was rejected; and,

The question was taken, shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....73,  
Nays.....67.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,            | Mr. Barber, <i>Ohio</i> , | Mr. Bellinger,      |
| Adams,                | Bateman,                  | Bloomfield,         |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Bayley,                   | Boden,              |
| Baldwin,              | Beecher,                  | Butler, <i>Lou.</i> |

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| Mr. Campbell,        | Mr. Lawyer,         | Mr. Rhea,               |
| Claggett,            | Lincoln,            | Rich,                   |
| Comstock,            | Linn,               | Rogers,                 |
| Cruger,              | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i> | Ruggles,                |
| Ellicott,            | Marchand,           | Sampson,                |
| Floyd,               | Mason, <i>Mass.</i> | Savage,                 |
| Fuller,              | Mercer,             | S. Smith,               |
| Harrison,            | Merrill,            | Alex. Smyth,            |
| Hendricks,           | Robert Moore,       | Tallmadge,              |
| Herkimer,            | Moseley,            | Tarr,                   |
| Herrick,             | H. Nelson.          | Taylor,                 |
| Hiester,             | Nesbitt,            | Tompkins,               |
| Hitchcock,           | Ogle,               | Trimble,                |
| Holmes,              | Palmer,             | Upham,                  |
| Hostetter,           | Parrott,            | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>    |
| Hubbard,             | Patterson,          | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>     |
| Hunter,              | Peter,              | Wendover,               |
| Irving, <i>N. Y.</i> | Poindexter,         | Whiteside,              |
| Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Porter,             | Williams, <i>N. Y.</i>  |
| Jones,               | Quarles,            | Wilson, <i>Penn.</i> 73 |
| Kirtland,            |                     |                         |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Allen, <i>Mass.</i> | Mr. Huntington,     | Mr. Schuyler,           |
| Ball,                   | Johnson, <i>Va.</i> | Scudder,                |
| Bassett,                | Little,             | Sergeant,               |
| Bennett,                | W. Maclay,          | Settle,                 |
| Blount,                 | W. P. Maclay,       | Sherwood,               |
| Boss,                   | M'Coy,              | Simkins,                |
| Butler, <i>N. H.</i>    | Middleton,          | Slocumb,                |
| Claiborne,              | Miller,             | Bal. Smith,             |
| Cobb,                   | Mills,              | J. S. Smith,            |
| Colston,                | Samuel Moore,       | Speed,                  |
| Cook,                   | Murray,             | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>   |
| Crafts,                 | Jer. Nelson,        | Storrs,                 |
| Crawford,               | Owen,               | Strother,               |
| Darlington,             | Pawling,            | Terrell,                |
| Davidson,               | Pindall,            | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>      |
| Desha,                  | Pitkin,             | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>    |
| Edwards,                | Pleasants,          | Westerlo,               |
| Folger,                 | Rice,               | Whitman,                |
| Gage,                   | Richards,           | Wilkin,                 |
| Gilbert,                | Ringgold,           | Williams, <i>Con.</i>   |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>       | Robertson,          | Williams, <i>N. C.</i>  |
| Hogg,                   | Sawyer,             | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i> 67 |
| Hopkinson,              |                     |                         |

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time, to-morrow.  
And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 24, 1818.

Another member, to wit: from Tennessee, George W. L. Marr, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Livermore, presented a petition of Alpheus Hutchins, praying to be allowed the land bounty, to which he conceives himself entitled, for his services as a soldier in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, which is withheld, in consequence of his being a minor at the time of his enlistment and discharge.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Pindall, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Harrison and Monongalia, in the state of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill, supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Indiana territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the union, on an equal footing with the original states;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole. to which is committed, the bill granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois, for the seat of government of said state.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution from the Senate, "directing a survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina;" reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a third time to-day.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report on the petitions of Robert Cottle, Josiah Jordan, Eleazer Porter, Joseph Jaques and Timothy Sparhawk; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioners respectively, have leave to withdraw their petitions and accompanying documents.

Mr. Bloomfield, also made a report on the petitions of Hannah Ring and Luther Frink, which was read; when,

Mr. Bloomfield, reported a bill for the relief of the said Hannah Ring and Luther Frink; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Ordered, That Jacob Cooper, have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

On motion of Mr. Ballard Smith,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law, the Commissioner of the Revenue, to appoint an agent in each of the counties of the several states, to receive the tax due therein to the gene-

ral government, on lands which are or may be sold, for the non-payment of the said tax.

On motion of Mr. Pindall.

Resolved, That the committee on Roads and Canals, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of completing the road from Cumberland to Wheeling.

On motion of Mr. Shaw,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Winstead, in the state of Connecticut, through Colebrook, Sandisfield, Otis, and Tyrningham, to Stockbridge, in the state of Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Colchester, to Hebron, both in the state of Connecticut.

On motion of Mr. Pleasants.

Resolved, That the committee on Naval Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of authorizing by law, the purchase of the timbers, particularly live oak, necessary for building twenty sloops, or other small vessels, of war.

On motion of Mr. Wm. P. Marlay,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the present post route from Fannetsburg, in Franklin county, to Mifflintown, in Mifflin county, in Pennsylvania, on to Selinsgrove, in Union county.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln,

Resolved, That the committee on Indian Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that it be the duty of the several public agents, employed by the United States, to transact business with the Indian tribes, to obtain all the information in their power, relative to the population, manners and customs, history, languages, or any thing peculiar to said tribes; and to report the same, annually, to the Secretary of War.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Resolved, That the President of the United States, be requested to cause to be laid before this House, if in his opinion the same should not be inconsistent with the public interest, copies of the correspondence, if any, between the Department of War, and the governor of Georgia, in answer to the letter of the latter, to the former, dated on the 1st of June, of the present year, communicated to this House, on the 12th instant; and also, the correspondence, if any, between the Department of War and general Andrew Jackson, in answer to the letter of the latter, of the 7th of May, 1818, also communicated to this House, on the 12th inst.

Mr. Cobb and Mr. Edwards, were appointed a committee, to present the said resolution to the President.

On motion of Mr. Gage,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making compensation to Reuben Colburn, for boats and other supplies, furnished by the authority of general Washington, to the expedition under the command of colonel Arnold, at the time it ascended Kennebeck river, in 1776; and that the documents forwarded by the claimant be referred to the said committee.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the report of the recorder of land titles, in the territory of Missouri, made in obedience to the act of the 20th of April, 1818, entitled "An act for the relief of James Mackay, of the Missouri territory;" which was read and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Aquila Giles;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory, to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory;" and,

"An act to authorize the payment in certain cases, on account of Treasury notes, which have been lost or destroyed;" were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill for the relief of John James Dufour, and his associates, was read the third time; and being on its passage,

Mr. Strother, moved that it be laid on the table; which motion was rejected.

The question was then taken, shall the said bill pass?

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....65,  
Nays.....66.

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,  
Anderson, Penn.  
Anderson, Ken.  
Baldwin,  
Barber, Ohio,  
Bayley,

Mr. Beecher,  
Bellinger,  
Bloomfield,  
Boden,  
Butler, Lou.  
Campbell,

Mr. Clagett,  
Comstock,  
Cruger,  
Cushman,  
Drake,  
Ellicott,

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| Mr. Floyd,           | Mr. Lincoln,        | Mr. Porter,               |
| Harrison,            | Linn,               | Quarles,                  |
| Hasbrouck,           | Livermore,          | Rich,                     |
| Hendricks,           | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i> | Ruggles,                  |
| Herkimer,            | Marchand,           | Sampson,                  |
| Herrick,             | Mason, <i>Mass.</i> | Savage,                   |
| Hitchcock,           | Merrill,            | Seybert,                  |
| Holmes,              | Robt. Moore,        | Alex. Smyth,              |
| Hostetter,           | Mosely,             | Tarr,                     |
| Hubbard,             | Nesbitt,            | Taylor,                   |
| Hunter,              | New,                | Tompkins,                 |
| Wing, <i>N. Y.</i>   | Ogle,               | Upham,                    |
| Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Parrott,            | Wendover,                 |
| Jones,               | Patterson,          | Whiteside,                |
| Kirtland,            | Peter,              | Williams, <i>N. Y.</i> 65 |
| Lawyer,              | Poindexter,         |                           |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Ball,            | Mr. Huntington,     | Mr. Scudder,            |
| Bassett,             | Johnson, <i>Va.</i> | Sergeant,               |
| Bateman,             | Kinsey,             | Settle,                 |
| Bennett,             | W. Maclay,          | Sherwood,               |
| Blount,              | W. P. Maclay,       | Silsbee,                |
| Boss,                | M'Coy,              | Slocum,                 |
| Butler, <i>N. H.</i> | Marr,               | Bal. Smith,             |
| Claiborne,           | Miller,             | J. S. Smith,            |
| Cobb,                | Saml. Moore,        | Southard,               |
| Cook,                | Murray,             | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>   |
| Crafts,              | Jer. Nelson,        | Storrs,                 |
| Crawford,            | H. Nelson,          | Strong,                 |
| Darlington,          | Newton,             | Strother,               |
| Davidson,            | Orr,                | Terrell,                |
| Desha,               | Owen,               | Terry,                  |
| Edwards,             | Pindall,            | Townsend,               |
| Folger,              | Pitkin,             | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>      |
| Gage,                | Pleasants,          | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>    |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>    | Rhea,               | Whitman,                |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>   | Rice,               | Williams, <i>Con.</i>   |
| Hogg,                | Richards,           | Williams, <i>N. C.</i>  |
| Hopkinson,           | Robertson,          | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i> 66 |

The resolution from the Senate, "directing a survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, December 28, 1818.

Mr. Speed, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 24th inst. present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

An act granting to Mchitable Cole, the land therein mentioned,

An act for the relief of William Barton; and,

An act for the relief of major general John Stark.

Mr. Allen, presented a petition of Susannah Smith, widow of the late doctor John Smith, A. M. professor of languages at Dartmouth college, praying that the copy rights to two books, called *The New Hampshire Latin Grammar*, and a *Hebrew Grammar*, may be extended to her, for the further term of fourteen years; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Allen, Mr. Mills and Mr. Fuller, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Sampson, presented a petition of Spiller Fillmore, on behalf of the heirs of Anthony Burk, deceased, praying for the renewal of a grant of land, for 320 acres, to which the deceased was entitled, under the act of 23d of April, 1812.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Pitkin, presented a petition of Israel Dibble, praying for an increase of his pension.

Mr. Pitkin, also presented a petition of John Sedgwick, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed and paid the five years full pay, as the commutation of half pay for life, to which he was entitled, for his services as an officer aforesaid.

Mr. Merrill, presented a petition of col. Isaac Clark, praying for a pension, in consideration of his services, as a soldier and an officer in the revolutionary army.

The Speaker presented a petition of Samuel J. Axon, praying to be allowed and paid the commutation of half pay for life, to which he is entitled for his services, as a surgeon, in the revolutionary army, as also for a grant of the land, due for his services as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of Charles Douglass, stating at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain, he was residing as a merchant, in the province of Canada, and being a citizen of the United States, he determined to return thereto with his merchandise; that whilst the said merchandise was on its passage, it was seized within the Canada lines, by col. Isaac Clark, and his regiment of riflemen, and without a judicial investigation, was distributed among the officers and men of said regiment; and praying compensation therefor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Irving, also presented a petition of "The New York Society for Promoting the Manumission of Slaves, and Protecting such of them as have been, or may be Liberated;" praying that some effective provisions may be made, to abolish the African slave trade, in any arrangement which may be hereafter definitively entered into between this country and Spain, or the South American provinces.

Mr. Sergeant, presented a memorial of the American Convention, for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery, and improving the Condition of the African Race, praying that the acts respecting the illicit introduction of slaves into the United States, may be so amended, as that any person so introduced, shall be declared free; and that the situation of slavery within the District of Columbia, may be considered, and a plan devised, for its gradual and certain termination within said District.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on that part of the President's message, which relates to the illicit introduction of slaves within the United States.

Mr. Hopkinson, presented a petition of Jacob Hart, praying for the remission of the duties, imposed on his distillery, during the time he was unable to use it, in consequence of the repairs it became necessary to make to a mill, connected with the said distillery.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Matthew H. Jouett, late paymaster to the 28th regiment of infantry, stating that his vouchers were destroyed by the enemy, at Black Rock, in the fall of 1813, in consequence of which he is unable to settle his accounts, and praying relief from Congress.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Beesher, presented a petition of Enos Terry, praying compensation for a mill and mill dam, destroyed by order of an officer in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Crowell, presented to the House, a certified copy of an act passed by the legislative council and house of representatives, of the territory of Alabama, entitled "An act for the government of the port and harbor of Mobile;" which was referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions, of Roger Leonard, and Andrew Small, and that the former be re-



ferred to the Secretary of War, and the latter to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Nathaniel P. Causin, and others, and John Berry; which were read and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners respectively, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Rhea, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Matthew M'Cauley; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, to whom was committed the bill for the relief of Thadeus Mayhew, of the state of Louisiana, made a detailed report on the case of the said Mayhew; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Jonathan Ward; and that it be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Stephen Henderson, and Elliot Hackley; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jonnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of general Robert Swartwout; which was read; when,

Mr. Johnson, reported a bill for the relief of the said general Robert Swartwout; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Joseph Wheaton.

Mr. Johnson, also made a report on the petition of Ezra Child; which was read; when,

Mr. Johnson, reported a bill for the said Ezra Child; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson, also reported a bill, supplementary to "An act providing for cases of lost military land warrants, and discharges for faithful services," and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign, enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

An act granting to Mehitable Cole, the land therein mentioned,  
An act for the relief of William Barton; and,  
An act for the relief of major general John Stark.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. J. J. Monroe, also delivered in a message in writing; which was read, and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

In compliance with a resolution of the 15th inst. I lay before the House of Representatives, a report from the Secretary of State, with the papers and documents accompanying it.

JAMES MONROE.

December 28, 1818.

Ordered, That the said message and documents, be referred to the committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Attorney General of the United States, in relation to the accounts of James Thomas, a quartermaster general, in the army in the late war with Great Britain; which was referred to him, by orders of this House, of the 17th of March, and 10th of April last; which letter was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker, also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting copies of instructions given by the Secretary of the Treasury, under the 8th section of the act of the 21st of April, 1806, to the several boards of land commissioners, in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri, rendered in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the 17th inst. which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker, also laid before the House, a letter addressed to him, by Thomas Dunn, Sergeant-at-Arms, stating that John Anderson, has instituted a suit against him, on a charge of false imprisonment, in consequence of his arresting the said Anderson, in obedience to an order of this House, of the 7th of January last; which letter was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A motion was made by Mr. Pindall, that the House reconsider the vote taken on the 24th inst. on the question, shall the bill for the relief of John James Dufour and his associates, pass?

And the question being taken to reconsider the said vote.

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to a select committee, with leave to sit, during the sitting of the House; and,

Mr. Pindall, Mr. Lincoln, and Mr. Hendricks, were appointed the said committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have postponed until the second Monday in March next, bills from this House, of the following titles, to wit: An act for the relief of the heirs of Adolphus Burghart, deceased; and An act for the relief of William King. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Palmer, submitted the following resolution; which was read and rejected, viz:

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what amendments are necessary to be made, to the act, supplementary to the act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, passed the 20th of April, 1818, in relation to the importation of goods, &c. into the United States, by land, from the dominions of Great Britain, in North America; and also, that the same committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 4th section of an act, entitled an act to continue in force, an act, entitled "An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, passed the 3d day of March, 1815, and for other purposes," passed the 3d day of March, 1817; that the provision therein contained, shall apply only to steam boats on lake Champlain, which are employed solely in the transportation of passengers and their baggage; and that the said section shall not extend to authorize the entry of any goods, wares and merchandise, except passenger's baggage, in any district, other than the one in which the same are to be landed.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Postmaster General, to contract for the transportation of the mail, by steam boats or otherwise, on navigable waters, in the same manner that he is authorized by law, to contract for transportation of the mail by land.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the postmaster at Kennebunk, Maine.

On motion of Mr. New,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Princeton, in Kentucky, by Bellsford, to Madisonville, in the state aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Tallmadge,

Resolved, That the Judiciary committee, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the appointment, by the President, by and with the consent of the Senate, of the Clerks of the several District Courts of the United States; and also, to require from them, greater security for the performance of their duties.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing John Pettit, upon the list of revolutionary pensioners.

On motion of Mr. M'Lean, of Illinois,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post

Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Vincennes, Indiana, to Palestine, the seat of Justice of Crawford county, Illinois; and also of establishing a post road from Edwardsville, Illinois, through Alton, to St. Charles, Missouri.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens, Lucretia Stevens, late Lucretia Sands, and others; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the same, with an amendment; which was read and concurred in by the House.

The question was then taken, shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....63  
Nays.....72

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,          | Mr. Hitchcock,      | Mr. Palmer,               |
| Adams,              | Hopkinson,          | Parrott,                  |
| Allen, <i>Mass.</i> | Hostetter,          | Peter,                    |
| Baldwin,            | Hubbard,            | Pitkin,                   |
| Ball,               | Huntington,         | Quarles,                  |
| Bayley,             | Johnson, <i>Va.</i> | Rice,                     |
| Beecher,            | Kirtland,           | Ruggles,                  |
| Boden,              | Lawyer,             | Schuyler,                 |
| Boss,               | W. Maclay,          | Sergeant,                 |
| Cruger,             | Mason, <i>Mass.</i> | Sherwood,                 |
| Cushman,            | Mason, <i>R. I.</i> | Silsbee,                  |
| Darlington,         | Merrill,            | Storrs,                   |
| Ellicott,           | Middleton,          | Tailmadge,                |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i> | Samuel Moore,       | Taylor,                   |
| Fuller,             | Moseley,            | Terrell,                  |
| Gilbert,            | Murray,             | Terry,                    |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>   | Jer. Nelson,        | Upham,                    |
| Harrison,           | Nesbitt,            | Westerlo,                 |
| Hasbrouck,          | Ogden,              | Whitman,                  |
| Herbert,            | Ogle,               | Wilkin,                   |
| Herkimer,           | Orr,                | Williams, <i>Conn.</i> 63 |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Mr. Butler, <i>Lou.</i> | Mr. Crawford, |
| Bassett,                  | Campbell,               | Culbreth,     |
| Bateman,                  | Claiborne,              | Davidson,     |
| Bellinger,                | Cobb,                   | Desha,        |
| Bennett,                  | Cook,                   | Drake,        |
| Bloomfield,               | Crafts,                 | Earle,        |

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| Mr. Edwards,  | Mr. Marchand, | Mr. Stocumb,     |
| Folger,       | Marr,         | Bal. Smith,      |
| Gage,         | Miller,       | Alex. Smyth,     |
| Hale,         | H. Nelson,    | J. S. Smith,     |
| Hall, N. C.   | Newton,       | Southward,       |
| Hendricks,    | Patterson,    | Speed,           |
| Herrick,      | Pindall,      | Stewart, N. C.   |
| Hogg,         | Pleasants,    | Strother,        |
| Holmes,       | Rhea,         | Tarr,            |
| Hunter,       | Rich,         | Tompkins,        |
| Jones,        | Richards,     | Tucker, Va.      |
| Kinsey,       | Robertson,    | Tucker, S. C.    |
| Linn,         | Sampson,      | Walker, N. C.    |
| Livermore,    | Savage,       | Walker, Ken.     |
| Lownds,       | Sawyer,       | Wendover,        |
| McLean, Ill.  | Scudder,      | Whiteside,       |
| W. P. Maclay, | Settle,       | Williams, N. C.  |
| McCoy,        | Seybert,      | Wilson, Penn. 72 |

And so the said bill was *rejected*.

And then the House adjourned.

#### TUESDAY, December 29, 1818.

Mr. Wilkin, presented a petition of Mary Gregg, widow of James Gregg, deceased. an officer in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension, in consideration of the services, wounds and sacrifices of her said husband, while engaged in the capacity aforesaid.

Mr. Tyler, presented a petition of Edward Smith, executor of Philip Bush, deceased, praying compensation for a considerable quantity of provisions, furnished the revolutionary army, for which he received a certificate from the deputy quartermaster general; which said certificate was lost in the year 1785, and has not yet been found.

Mr. Miller, presented a petition of John Shields, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army, as also, for a grant of the bounty land to which he conceives himself entitled, for said service.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Bloomfield, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Burlington, in the state of New Jersey, praying that the acts prohibiting the introduction of slaves into the United States, may be further amended, so as to prevent persons of color, who may be illicitly imported, from being sold as slaves.

Mr. Herrick, presented a petition of the representatives of the Religious Society of Friends, in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, praying for a revision of the laws prohibiting the importation of slaves, and the recovery of

fugitives from labour, and that such amendments may be made to them, as will more effectually protect the rights of people of color.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on that part of the President's message, which relates to the illicit importation of slaves into the United States.

Mr. Herbert, presented a petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Alexandria, praying for an extension of their charter, for the additional period of twenty years.

Mr. Herbert, also presented a similar petition from the President, Directors, and Company of the Farmers Bank of Alexandria.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Nesbitt, presented a petition of Alexander Roddy, deputy marshal for the district of South Carolina, praying compensation for his services, in taking the third census, in the said district in 1810.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hogg, presented a petition of George Harpole, and a petition of Drury Betes, respectively praying compensation for horses lost in the military service of the United States, in the year 1813.

Mr. Hogg, also presented a petition of Catharine Caplinger, widow of John Caplinger, deceased, praying compensation for a gun lost by the deceased, while in the military service of the United States, in the year 1813.

Mr. Crowell, presented a petition of Dennison Darling and Benjamin S. Smoot, praying compensation for a house destroyed by order of an officer in the army of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Crowell, also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of St. Stephens, in the territory of Alabama, praying that the said town and the contiguous town of Jackson, may be established as ports of delivery.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of John Bergen; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Mr. Nelson, also made a report on the letter of Thomas Dunn, Sergeant-at-Arms; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House, be authorized and requested to employ such counsel as he shall think proper to defend

the said Thomas Dunn, in the suit brought against him, by John Anderson, as stated in the letter of the said Thomas Dunn; and that the expense of such counsel be defrayed out of the contingent fund of the House.

Mr. Nelson, from the same committee, also reported a bill concerning suits brought on copy rights; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of Thomas Shields, for compensation for prisoners captured in the late war with Great Britain, which was read; when,

Mr. Pleasants, reported a bill concerning Thomas Shields and others; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill to authorize the President and Managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company, in the state of Maryland, to extend and make their turnpike road, to or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through the said District, to the line thereof; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Herbert, also reported a bill authorizing the corporation of the City of Washington, to open and extend certain streets in said City, through a public reservation; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Select committee, to which was recommit-  
ted the engrossed bill, for the relief of John James Dufour, and his associates, be discharged from a further consideration thereof, and that the said bill lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from Richard Bland Lee, late Commissioner of Claims, enclosing a letter to him, from R. W. Stoddard, of the state of New York, soliciting compensation for his services in digesting the evidence taken in pursuance of a commission, issued by him, in his capacity of commissioner aforesaid, in certain claims exhibited by the sufferers on the Niagara frontier, during the late war with Great Britain; which letters were ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills, of this House, of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased," and "An act for the relief of William B. Lewis," with an amendment to the latter. They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Rice Jones;" in which amendment and bill, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Cobb, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States, the resolution adopted by this House, on the 24th inst. reported, that the committee had performed that service, and were informed by the President, that he would attend to the request contained in the said resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Hendricks, that the House reconsider the vote taken yesterday on the question, shall the bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens, Lucretia Stevens, late Lucretia Sands, and others, be engrossed and read a third time?

And the question being taken, will the House reconsider the said vote?

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| It passed in the affirmative, | } Yeas.....75.  |
|                               | } Nays..... 67. |

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,<br>Adams,<br>Allen, <i>Mass.</i><br>Anderson, <i>Pa.</i><br>Baldwin,<br>Ball,<br>Bayley,<br>Beecher,<br>Blount,<br>Boss,<br>Butler, <i>N. H.</i><br>Butler, <i>Lou.</i><br>Campbell,<br>Comstock,<br>Cruger,<br>Cushman,<br>Darlington,<br>Ellicott,<br>Ervin, <i>S. C.</i><br>Fuller,<br>Gilbert,<br>Hall, <i>Del.</i><br>Harrison,<br>Hendricks,<br>Herbert, | Mr. Herkimer,<br>Hitchcock,<br>Holmes,<br>Hopkinson,<br>Hostetter,<br>Hubbard,<br>Huntington,<br>Irving, <i>N. Y.</i><br>Johnson, <i>Vir.</i><br>Johnson, <i>Ky.</i><br>Lawyer,<br>W. Maclay,<br>Mason, <i>Mass.</i><br>Mason, <i>R. I.</i><br>Merrill,<br>Middleton,<br>Miller,<br>Saml. Moore,<br>Murray,<br>Jer. Nelson,<br>Nesbitt,<br>Ogden,<br>Ogle,<br>Orr,<br>Palmer, | Mr. Parrott,<br>Peter,<br>Pitkin,<br>Rich,<br>Ruggles,<br>Sawyer,<br>Schuyler,<br>Sergeant,<br>Shaw,<br>Sherwood,<br>Silsbee,<br>Alex. Smyth,<br>Storrs,<br>Tallmadge,<br>Taylor,<br>Terry,<br>Tyler,<br>Walker, <i>N. C.</i><br>Wallace,<br>Westerlo,<br>Whitman,<br>Wilkin,<br>Williams, <i>Con.</i><br>Wilson, <i>Mass.</i><br>Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> |
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Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Anderson, <i>Ken.</i><br>Barber, <i>Ohio.</i><br>Bassett, | Mr. Bateman,<br>Bellinger,<br>Bennett, | Mr. Bloomfield,<br>Claggett,<br>Claiborne, |
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| <b>Mr. Cobb,</b>    | <b>Mr. W. P. Maclay,</b> | <b>Mr. Seybert,</b>       |
| Cook,               | M'Coy,                   | Slocumb,                  |
| Crafts,             | Marchand,                | Bal. Smith,               |
| Davidson,           | Marr,                    | J. S. Smith,              |
| Desha,              | Robert Moore,            | Southard,                 |
| Drake,              | Morton,                  | Speed,                    |
| Earle,              | H. Nelson,               | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>     |
| Edwards,            | New,                     | Strong,                   |
| Folger,             | Newton,                  | Strother,                 |
| Gage,               | Patterson,               | Tompkins,                 |
| Hale,               | Pindall,                 | Townsend,                 |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>  | Pleasants,               | Trimble,                  |
| Herrick,            | Rhea,                    | Tucker, <i>Vir.</i>       |
| Hogg,               | Richards,                | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>      |
| Jones,              | Robertson,               | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>       |
| Lewis,              | Sampson,                 | Wendover,                 |
| Lincoln,            | Savage,                  | Whiteside,                |
| Linn,               | Scudder,                 | Williams <i>N. F.</i>     |
| Livermore,          | Settle,                  | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 67 |
| M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i> |                          |                           |

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a select committee; and,

Mr. Storrs, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Pleasants, and Mr. Miller, were appointed the said committee.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William B. Lewis," was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John Rice Jones," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill authorizing the subscription of stock in the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Company, be discharged; and that the said bill be recommitted to the committee on Roads and Canals.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Harold Smyth; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported the same without amendment.

The said bill was then amended by the House, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Sampson S. King; and after some time spent

therein. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Alexander Smyth, reported the same with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 30, 1818.

Mr. Speed, from the Joint committee on enrolled bills, reported that they had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased; and,

An act for the relief of William B. Lewis; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Parrott, presented a petition of Abigail Fernauld, widow of William Fernauld, deceased, a prizemaster in the private armed naval service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, and who died at Dartmoor prison, in England, of ill treatment, received after he was captured by a British ship of war, praying to be allowed the pension granted in such cases.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Porter, presented a petition of John S. Bristol, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Boden, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Carlisle, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that the acts prohibiting the introduction of slaves into the United States, may be further amended, so as to prevent persons of color, who may be illicitly imported, from being sold as slaves.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on that part of the President's message, which relates to the illicit introduction of slaves into the United States.

Mr. Ogle, presented a petition of Robert Thompson, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Boden, presented a petition of Samuel White, stating that he was engaged as a captain of militia in the actual service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, that he was taken prisoner in battle, and robbed of money and property to the amount of 440 dollars; that several of his men deserted previous to his crossing into Canada, whom he advertised by direction of his superior officer, the expense of which, with the rewards offered, he has been compelled to pay; that while he remained a prisoner of war, duties

to a considerable amount, accrued on his distillery, which was not, during that time, in use; and praying compensation for the money and property taken from him when captured, and reimbursement of the moneys, paid on account of advertising and arresting the said deserters, and for the remission of the duties charged on his distillery aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Herbert, presented a petition of Martha J. Cobb, widow of Elkanah Cobb, deceased, praying for a patent for certain inventions of the said deceased.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Crawford, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Hancock county, in the state of Georgia, praying that a certain post route in said state, may not be discontinued, as also, for the establishment of an additional post route.

Mr. Crawford, also presented a petition of Walter Jones, post-master at Milledgeville, in the said state of Georgia, praying for additional compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Crawford, also presented a petition of Minis and Henry, Theodore A. Schoedde, Stephen Hall, Asahel Howe, W. T. Williams, Dunham and Reed, Meigs and Reed, and Elias Reed, merchants of Savannah, in Georgia, stating that at the close of the late war with Great Britain, a number of soldiers were discharged in the southern country, and certificates given to them of the balance due for their services, that they purchased many of these certificates, and praying payment thereof.

Mr. Crowell, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Alabama, praying that col. Samuel Dale, may be compensated for services rendered the United States, in various military capacities, in the late war with the Creek Indians.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Scott, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of St. Genevieve, in the territory of Missouri, praying for a confirmation of the right of the inhabitants of the said town, to the land granted to them as a common.

Ordered That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Benjamin Marvin, John Sedgwick, Israel Dibble, Samuel J. Axson and Jonathan Ward, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners respectively ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Rhea, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Polhemus; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, to which was committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of James Wilde," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Levi Chapman; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of John B. Regnier; which was read; when,

Mr. Robertson, reported a bill for the relief of the said John B. Regnier; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Little, from the Joint committee on the subject of the printing, ordered by the two Houses of Congress, respectively, to which was recommitted their report of the 17th inst. reported the same without amendment; which was then ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That for supplying the deficiency in the appropriation, for the subscription for the Statistical Annals of Adam Seybert; and the purchase of Pitkin's Commercial Statistics, the further sum of four hundred dollars be paid, out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Newton, submitted a Joint resolution for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals; and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics, to be deposited in the Library; which was read the first and second time; and,

Mr. Livermore, moved to amend the said resolution authorizing the distribution of the said Statistics, among the members of the next, instead of the present Congress; which was rejected.

The said resolution was then amended, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. M'Lean, of Illinois,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing additional land offices, for the sale of public lands, in the state of Illinois; and also, into the expediency of appointing a surveyor of the lands of the United States, in the said state.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing a post route from Cincinnati, in the states of Ohio, to New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, by steam boats or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Lownds,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Parker's ferry in South Carolina, to Barnwell court house, in the same state, by way of Walterborough.

On motion of Mr. New,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a post road from Newburg, in Kentucky, by Trenton, to Portroyal, in Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, a post road from Huntsville, in Madison county, to Mooresville, in the county of Limestone, in the Alabama territory.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report of the committee of Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made at the last session (30th March, 1818,) on the petition of Benjamin Wells; whereupon, it was,

Ordered, That the petition of the said Benjamin Wells, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury; and that the said report lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That nineteen hundred copies, in addition to the usual number of six hundred copies of the message of the President of the United States, with its accompanying documents, received by this House, on the 28th inst. be printed.

Ordered, That the letter from Richard Bland Lee, inclosing one from W. E. Stoddard, laid before the House yesterday, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill for the relief of John Delafield, be discharged; and that the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Samuel Burr.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Harold Smyth,

An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker; and,

An act for the relief of Sampson S. King; were severally read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia; and on the bill to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks, in the civil department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pleasants reported the said bills, with amendments to the former; which were read and concurred in by the House.

The last mentioned bill was then amended, at the Clerk's table; and the said bills were ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, the first on Monday next, and the latter, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Samuel Burr; and on the bill for the relief of John Delafield; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had made some progress in the said bills, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, December 31, 1818,

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, announced the death of George Mumford, a member of this House, from the state of North Carolina; whereupon,

Resolved unanimously, That a committee be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of George Mumford, deceased, late a representative from the state of North Carolina; and,

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, Mr. Owen, Mr. Stewart, of North Carolina, Mr. Settle, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Slocumb, were appointed the said committee.

Resolved unanimously, That the members of this House, will testify their respect for the memory of George Mumford, late one of their body, by wearing crape on their left arm, for one month.

Resolved unanimously, That the members of this House, will attend the funeral of the late George Mumford, to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to notify them of the death of George Mumford, late a member of this House, and that his funeral will take place, to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next. —

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 4, 1819.

Mr. Spencer, presented a petition of Sylvia Chapin; a petition of Jonathan Olmstead; a petition of Sally Bowen, widow of William Gardner, deceased; a petition of Jabez Goodell; a petition of Stocking and Bull; a petition of Rebecca West; a petition of Elijah Hathaway, John Floyd, Agrenis Geensut, Jonathan Jones, Elijah Doty, George Ash, John Walterhouse and Michael Helmes; a petition of Michael Helmes; a petition of Elijah Doty; a petition of Mary Atkins; a petition of William Sadler; a petition of Joshua Fairbanks; a petition of Augustus Porter and Benjamin Barton; a petition of Samuel De Veaux; a petition of Gad Pierce; a petition of James Field; a petition of Spencer Field; a petition of George Stow; a petition of Benjamin Barton; a petition of Holden Allen; a petition of Rufus Spalding, Isaac Cott, Joseph Hewit, Solomon Gillet, John R. Smith, Willard Smith, Townsend, Bronson & Co. Bates Cook, William Molyneux, Alexander Miller, William Arbutnot, Erastus Parke and Lemuel Cook; and a petition of Ebenezer Belden; respectively praying compensation for property destroyed by the British forces, at the time of their invasion of the Niagara frontier, in the month of December, 1813.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Hubbard, presented a petition of Charles Powers, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of the Marine Insurance Companies, in the city of Baltimore, signed by their respective Presidents, praying that further measures may be adopted for the more effectual protection of vessels ascending and descending the Chesapeake Bay, by the erection of buoys, floating lights, and other distinguishing marks.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Davidson, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of North Carolina, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Scott, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Arkansas, in the territory of Missouri, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Speaker presented sundry documents in relation to the titles to the lands, claimed as a common, by the inhabitants of the village of Saint Charles, in the territory of Missouri; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. McLean, of Illinois, presented a petition of John McCawley and Arthur McCauley, praying for a confirmation of their title to the lands on which they reside.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of John Bollinger, praying for a confirmation of his title to a tract of land in the territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott, also presented a petition of the legislative council and house of representatives of the territory of Missouri, praying that measures may be adopted for the final adjustment of land titles in the said territory.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation to land titles, in said territory and in the state of Louisiana; and two bills providing for the adjustment of claims to land in the said territory and state.

Mr. Scott, also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Arkansas, in the territory of Missouri, praying that the town of Arkansas may be selected as the seat of government for the territory proposed to be established, by the name of the territory of Arkansas.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill establishing a territorial government for the southern part of the territory of Missouri.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report, on the petition of Jacob Hittles; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of John Shields, Alexander Foresman, James Wood, and Bissell Phelps; which was read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That so much of the prayer of the petition of John Shields, as relates to arrearages of pay, be *not* granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of Alexander Foresman, James Wood, and Bissell Phelps, ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John L. Bristol, and that the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of Thomas Shields, for stores lost and private property destroyed by the British; which report was read; when,

Mr. Pleasants, reported a bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Thomas Shields; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.



Mr. Pleasants, from the same committee, also reported a bill authorizing the purchase of live oak timber, for building small vessels of war; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of Jasper Bennett, on behalf of his son Malcolm Bennett; which was read; when,

Mr. Johnson, reported a bill for the relief of the said Malcolm Bennett; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of C. L. Rockwood; and that it lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee appointed on the petitions of the surviving officers of the revolutionary army, and to whom was referred the petition of Jesse Davis, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the petition of sundry inhabitants of the village of Saint Charles, in the territory of Missouri, in relation to their common, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the said petition together with the documents, this day presented by the Speaker, upon the same subject, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill explanatory of the act, authorizing the sale of certain grounds, belonging to the United States, in the City of Washington, be discharged, and that the said bill be referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Cobb, Mr. Peter, and Mr. Culbreth, were appointed the committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Settle, be appointed of the committee on so much of the President's message, as relates to the illicit introduction of slaves into the United States, in the place of Mr. Mumford, deceased.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the payment of a loan office certificate, for two hundred dollars, issued to Thomas Stiner by S. Hillegas, on the 23d day of December, 1777, with the interest thereon, according to the tenor of said certificate.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route, by water, from Louisville, in Kentucky, to St. Louis, on the Mississippi.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Columbia, South Carolina, by Winnsborough, Chesterville, Yorkville, from thence to Rutherfordton, North Carolina, through Cooper's Gap, by Murrys ville, to Ashville, and from thence, by the Warm Springs, to Knoxville, in Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what additional provisions are necessary, in order more effectually to enforce the payment of duties on merchandise, imported by land, from the British provinces in north America, into the United States; *and also*, that the same committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 3d and 4th sections of an act to continue in force a certain other act, providing for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes, passed on the 3d day of March, 1817, as that the provisions in the said act contained, shall apply only to steam boats, on lake Champlain, which are employed in the transportation of passengers and their baggage, and that the said 4th section, shall not extend to authorize the entry of any goods, wares or merchandise, except passengers' baggage, in any district other than the one in which they are to be landed.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War, be directed to lay before this House, such information as he may possess, respecting the adjustment and payment of the claims of the friendly Creek Indians, made in consideration of their treaty with the United States, of August 9, 1814.

On motion of Mr. Simkins,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Columbia, in South Carolina, by way of Ashville and the Warm Springs, in North Carolina, and Knoxville in Tennessee, to Lexington, in Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy, be directed to report to this House, a copy of such instructions, if any, as may have been issued by his department, in pursuance of the act of Congress, of 1809, prohibiting the importation of slaves, to the commanders of the several armed vessels of the United States, for the purpose of intercepting on the coast of Africa, or elsewhere, such vessels of the United States, as may be engaged in the slave trade.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury, be directed to report to this House, the number and names of the slave ships, if any, the ports from which they sailed, and where and by whom owned, which have been seized and condemned within the United

States, for violations of the laws thereof, against the importation of slaves; and if any negroes, mulattoes, or persons of color, have been found on board such vessels, their number, and the disposition which has been made of them, by the several state governments, under whose jurisdiction they have fallen.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanied with a list of the names, &c. of persons placed on the pension list, to the 16th of November last, under the act of the 18th of March, 1818, rendered in compliance with the resolutions of this House, of the 20th of April and 28th November, 1818; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements of the exports of the United States, during the year, ending the 30th September last; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed resolution "for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics, to be deposited in the Library," was read the third time and passed.

Engrossed bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Washington, to open and extend certain streets in said City, through a public reservation,

An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks, in the Civil Department of government of the United States, in the District of Columbia; and,

An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia; were severally read the the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills and resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 24th inst. requesting me to lay before it, "copies of the correspondence, if any, between the Department of War and the governor of Georgia, in answer to the letter of the latter to the former, dated on the 1st of June, of the present year, communicated to the House on the 12th inst. and also, the correspondence, if any, between the Department of War and general Andrew Jackson, in answer to the letter of the latter, of the date 7th May, 1818, also communicated to the House, on the 12th inst. I transmit a report from the Secretary of War, with a copy of an extract of a letter from major Van De Venter, Chief Clerk in the Department of War, in reply to general Jackson's letter of the 7th of May, 1818.

JAMES MONROE.

December 31, 1818.

The said message and its accompanying documents, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 7th inst. requesting me to lay before it "the proceedings which have been had under the act, entitled 'An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States,' specifying the number of ships, which have been put on the stocks, and of what class, and the quantity and kind of materials, which have been procured, in compliance with the provisions of said act; and also, the sums of money which have been paid out of the fund, created by the said act, and for what objects; and likewise the contracts which have been entered into, in execution of said act, on which moneys may not yet have been advanced," I transmit a report from the acting Secretary of the Navy, together with a communication from the Board of Navy Commissioners, which with the documents accompanying it, comprehends all the information required by the House of Representatives.

JAMES MONROE.

*December 31, 1818.*

The said message was read, and together with its accompanying documents, ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Jacob Ritter, jr. and others, assignees of Abraham Piesch, presented at a former session.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Samuel Burr, and on the bill for the relief of John Delafield; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha, reported that the committee had made further progress in the said bills, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 5, 1819.

Mr. Rice, presented a petition of Frederick Jakins praying for a pension.

Mr. Mills, presented a petition of Sarah Shepard, widow of the late general William Shepard; and a petition of Hezekiah Hutchins, also praying for pensions.

Mr. Sherwood, presented a petition of John Patterson, praying for an increase of pension.

Mr. Mills, also presented a petition of Alpheus Colton, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Tallmadge, presented a petition of James Duffie, executor of capt. William Sloan, deceased, praying to be paid for the services of the deceased, as a blacksmith and master of public vessels in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr Holmes, presented a petition of the noncommissioned officers, musicians, and privates, now residing within the state of Connecticut, whose term of service expired, at the close of the late war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed an additional bounty of 160 acres of land, in consideration of their service as aforesaid.

Mr. Tallmadge, presented a petition of Ruth Kirk, guardian to the heir of Job Kirk, deceased, a soldier in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, praying that the said heir may be allowed the half pay pension granted by law in such cases.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sergeant, presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the acts prohibiting the importation of slaves into the United States, may be so amended, as that people of color, unlawfully introduced into the United States, may not be sold as slaves.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on that part of the President's message, which relates to the illicit introduction of slaves into the United States.

Mr. Sergeant, also presented a memorial of the American Convention for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery, and Improving the Condition of the African Race, praying that in any negotiations between the United States and Spain, and between the United States and the Republics of South America, measures may be adopted for suppressing the African slave trade.

Ordered, That the said petition lie on the table.

Mr. Sergeant, also presented a petition of the commissioners of a turnpike road, from the borough of Gettysburgh, in Pennsylvania, to the dividing line between that state, and the state of Maryland, in a direction to Wheeling, in the state of Virginia, praying for the aid and assistance of the government of the United States, in completing their said road.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. W. P. Maclay, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Huntington and Bedford counties, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Hitchcock, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Portage, in the state of Ohio, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. M'Lean, of Delaware, presented a petition of John Rudolph, praying to be allowed an additional price for rations furnished the troops of the United States, within the state of Delaware, for two years, during the late war with Great Britain.

The Speaker presented a petition of John Caldwell, of the city of Montreal, in the province of Canada, late a cornet in the second regiment of dragoons, praying compensation for property destroyed in Plattsburg by order of general Macomb, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Crowell, presented a petition of Samuel Dale, praying compensation for a quantity of coffee which he alledges to have been illegally seized and condemned in the year, 1813.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, presented on the 7th of January, 1817, in relation to vessels sunk in the harbor of Baltimore, in the late war with Great Britain, be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Crawford, presented a petition of Jonathan Battelle, merchant, of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, praying for the remission of the duties, secured by him, on a quantity of merchandise, imported into the United States, which were soon after accidentally consumed by fire.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. M'Lean, of Illinois,

Ordered, That the petition of the legislature of the late territory of Illinois, presented on the 21st February, 1817, be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter addressed to him by Benjamin H. Latrobe, late surveyor of the public buildings and of the Capitol, in the city of Washington, in relation to his conduct while in the capacity aforesaid; which was referred to the committee on the Public Buildings.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of John Gooding and James Williams; which was read; when,

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported a bill for the relief of the said John Gooding and James Williams; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of Martha J. Cobb; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John Rice Jones," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on the Public Lands, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James Hughes, and that it be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report, on the petition of John J. Johnson, Samuel Plumb, Ralph Palcham, Samuel Boutin; Hannah Debois and Margaret Duffield; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, who were directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the amount of the security to be required from navy agents, made a report; which was read; when,

Mr. Pleasants, reported a bill concerning navy agents; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Pindall, from the Select committee appointed at the last session, on the subject, by leave of the House, reported a bill to authorize, the prosecution of suits, in the nature of petitions of right and informalities of intrusion, in cases in which the United States are concerned; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Cobb, from the Select committee, to which was committed yesterday, the bill explanatory of the act, authorizing the sale of certain grounds, belonging to the United States, in the City of Washington, reported the same with an amendment; which was read; and the said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Anna Fields; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the several petitions of Joseph Anderson, David Perry, Daniel Hosford, Lyman Hall, Rosewell Hopkins, Abijah Fisk, James Gibson, Robert Ferrell, George Alverson, Solomon Pierce, George Batterson, Josiah Cumming, John Pettitt, Charles Powers and William Herrick; which was read; when,

Mr. Strother, moved to amend the said report, by striking out the name of *Joseph Anderson*, which was rejected; and it was then,

Ordered, That the said report lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, moved that the House do now proceed to consider the unfavorable report of the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of John Polhemus; which motion was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law, to vest in the legislature of the state of Ohio, power to sell the remaining thirty-five sections of land, in the reservation at the Sciota Salt Works, and to apply the proceeds of the sale, to such purposes, for the use of the state, as the said legislature may deem most proper.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the daily hour of meeting of this House, until otherwise ordered, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Resolved, That the committee on the subject of the Militia, be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what alteration or amendment to the laws of the United States, are necessary to ensure an equitable enrollment, and annual returns of the militia of the respective states.

On motion of Mr. Sampson,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the 5th section of the act, entitled "An act laying a duty on imported salt; granting a bounty on pickled fish exported; and allowances to certain vessels employed on the fisheries," so that the owner of every vessel above twenty tons, employed in the fisheries, shall receive an allowance of four dollars, for each and every ton of such vessel's burden: Provided, That the allowance aforesaid on any one vessel, for one season, shall not exceed three hundred and sixty dollars.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Smyth,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of fixing the standard of weights and measures.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting two hundred copies of the Naval Register of the United States, for the year 1819, for the use of the members of this House; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the First Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a list made out by the Register of the Treasury, of those persons who have not rendered accounts for settlement within the year; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill to authorize the president and managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company, of the state of Maryland, to extend and make a turnpike road, to or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia,



through the said District, to the line thereof, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Samuel Burr, and on the bill for the relief of John Delafield; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha, reported the said bills, with an amendment to each, by striking out the first sections thereof.

The first section of the last mentioned bill, is as follows:

"That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury, be directed to settle the claim of John Delafield, for 43 loan office certificates, and of James Bott, for one loan office certificate, of four hundred dollars each, nominal amount, issued the 23d of December, 1777, together with the interest due thereon, according to the principles and rules established at the Treasury Department."

The question was taken to concur with the committee of the whole in striking out this section.

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....90,  
Nays..... 64.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,            | Mr. Floyd,          | Mr. Saml. Moore,      |
| Anderson, <i>Pa.</i>  | Gage,               | Nesbitt,              |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Hall, <i>Del.</i>   | Owen,                 |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i>  | Herrick,            | Patterson,            |
| Barber, <i>Ohio.</i>  | Hiester,            | Pegram,               |
| Bassett,              | Hogg,               | Pleasants,            |
| Bateman,              | Holmes,             | Poindexter,           |
| Bellinger,            | Hopkinson,          | Quarles,              |
| Bennett,              | Hunter,             | Rhea,                 |
| Blount,               | Jones,              | Rice,                 |
| Boden,                | Lewis,              | Rich,                 |
| Burwell,              | Linn,               | Richards,             |
| Butler, <i>N. H.</i>  | Little,             | Ringgold,             |
| Campbell,             | Livermore,          | Rogers,               |
| Claggett,             | Lowndes,            | Sampson,              |
| Claiborne,            | M'Lane, <i>Del.</i> | Scudder,              |
| Cobb,                 | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i> | Sergeant,             |
| Crafts,               | W. Maclay,          | Settle,               |
| Crawford,             | W. P. Maclay,       | Simkins,              |
| Darlington,           | M'Coy,              | Slocumb,              |
| Davidson,             | Marchand,           | Alex. Smyth,          |
| Desha,                | Marr,               | J. S. Smith,          |
| Earle,                | Mason, <i>Mass.</i> | Southard,             |
| Edwards,              | Miller,             | Speed,                |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>   | Robert Moore,       | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i> |

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| Mr. Storrs,<br>Strother,<br>Tarr,<br>Taylor,<br>Tompkins, | Mr. Townsend,<br>Tucker, <i>S. C.</i><br>Upham,<br>Walker, <i>N. C.</i><br>Walker, <i>Ken.</i> | Mr. Wallace,<br>Wendover,<br>Whiteside,<br>Williams <i>N. F.</i><br>Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 90 |
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Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Adams,<br>Allen, <i>Mass.</i><br>Baldwin,<br>Ball,<br>Bayley,<br>Beecher,<br>Bloomfield,<br>Colston,<br>Comstock,<br>Cruger,<br>Culbreth,<br>Cushman,<br>Drake,<br>Ellicott,<br>Folger,<br>Fuller,<br>Garnett,<br>Hale,<br>Hasbrouck,<br>Hendricks,<br>Herkimer,<br>Hitchcock, | Mr. Hostetter,<br>Hubbard,<br>Huntington,<br>Irving, <i>N. Y.</i><br>Johnson, <i>Vir.</i><br>Kinsey,<br>Lawyer,<br>Mason, <i>R. I.</i><br>Merrill,<br>Mills,<br>Morton,<br>Murray,<br>H. Nelson,<br>T. M. Nelson,<br>Ogden,<br>Ogle,<br>Orr,<br>Palmer,<br>Parrott,<br>Peter,<br>Pindall, | Mr. Pitkin,<br>Porter,<br>Reed,<br>Ruggles,<br>Savage,<br>Sawyer,<br>Shaw,<br>Sherwood,<br>Silsbee,<br>S. Smith,<br>Strong,<br>Tallmadge,<br>Terrell,<br>Terry,<br>Tucker, <i>Va.</i><br>Westerlo,<br>Whitman.<br>Wilkin,<br>Williams, <i>Con.</i><br>Wilson, <i>Mass.</i><br>Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> 64 |
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And so the said bill was rejected.

The amendment to the bill for the relief of Samuel Burr, was then read and also concurred in, by which the said bill was in like manner, rejected.

A message in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, viz:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I transmit to Congress a proclamation, dated the 22d of last month, of the convention made and concluded at Madrid, between the Plenipotentiaries of the United States, and his Catholic Majesty, on the 11th of August, 1802, the ratifications of which were not exchanged till the 21st ult. together with the translation of a letter from the minister of Spain, to the Secretary of State.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, 4th January, 1819.*

The said message was read, and with its accompanying documents, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Speed, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined an enrolled resolution, "directing a survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

Mr. Speaker signed the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 6, 1819.

Mr. Strong, presented a petition of Josiah Carter, Stephen Chase, John Goodridge, Jonathan Colborn, John Colborn, Reuben Gates, David Gary, Nathan Colborn, and Samuel Bowers, who served in the militia of the revolutionary army, some as officers and others as privates, praying for pensions, under the act of the last session, providing for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Strong, also presented a petition of Lois Haskell, widow of Andrew Haskell, an officer in the revolutionary army, also praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Strong, also presented a petition of John Read, and a petition of Benjamin Randall, praying for an increase of their pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Wendover, presented a petition of John Fitzgerald, stating that he was born in Ireland, and that he enlisted in the army of the United States, in the year 1812, was wounded and taken prisoner, at the battle of Queenstown, that he was confined in irons, and with twenty four others, conveyed to England, to be tried for his life, because he was found in arms against his native country; that he suffered every species of insult, hardship, cruelty and contumely; and was subsisted on a scanty allowance of *bread and water*, and constantly threatened with death, for the period of nearly three years; that during the whole of this period, he was often and almost daily, solicited to desert the standard of his adopted country, and join the British ranks, as the means of ending his sufferings; that he as constantly resisted these importunities, which he believes was the cause of the cruelties inflicted upon him; and praying, as a reward for his fidelity under the trials which beset him, that he may be allowed his rations, or an equivalent in money, during the time he was so imprisoned.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Garnett, presented a petition of Charles S. Jones and Richard Buckner, administrators of William Jones, deceased, late a

collector of internal duties and direct taxes, in the state of Virginia; praying that the claims of the United States, upon the estate of the deceased, (who lost his life, while in the discharge of his official duties,) may be remitted for reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Beecher, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that a land office, for the sale of the lands of the United States, in the said state, may be established at Piquatown, in the state aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Beecher, also presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the county of Delaware, in the state of Ohio; and petitions from sundry inhabitants of the county of Miami, in the said state, respectively praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Scott, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Saint Louis, in the territory of Mississippi, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented a document in support of the claim of Thaddeus Mayhew; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petitions of Elijah Leech, Esther Pratt, and Augustus Porter, referred on the 7th ultimo; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Russell Vibbert; and that it be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Henderson, of Virginia; which was read and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Crowell, from the Select committee, appointed on the petition of the legislative council and house of representatives, of the territory of Alabama, on behalf of Tandy Walker, by leave of the House, reported a bill, to place the said Tandy Walker on the pension list; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Worcester, through West Boylston, Princeton, Westminster and Gardner, to Templeton, all in the county of Worcester, and state of Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Beecher,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post

Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Newark, in the county of Licking, to Mount Vernon in the county of Knox, and state of Ohio; and also, from Urbanna, in Champaign county, to the county seat in Logan county, and state aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law, the sale of such townships of land, in the Alabama territory, that have been returned by the surveyors, as not, in their opinion, worth two dollars per acre, and consequently not surveyed, or offered for sale.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President and Managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company, in the state of Maryland, to extend and make a turnpike road to or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through the said District, to the line thereof;" was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States, be discharged, and that the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill, making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819.

Ordered, That all orders of the day, which precede the bill, making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819, be postponed until to-morrow.

And the House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the said bill; as also, on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson, reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said bills.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War, be directed to report to this House, the present strength and distribution of the army of the United States; and to subjoin to such report the number and value of the extra days labor performed by the several detachments thereof, respectively, in the year, ending on the 30th day of October last, upon roads or other objects of fatigue duty; together with a statement of such objects, if any there are, of a similar nature, to which it is contemplated to direct the labor of the troops, in the current year, distinguishing the sums expended on roads.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 7, 1819.

Mr. Comstock, presented a petition of Elias Ransom, praying compensation for his property destroyed by the British forces upon their invasion of the Niagara frontier, in the month of December, 1813, the said property being at the time of destruction, in the occupancy of the United States, as barracks for the troops.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Robert Moore, presented a petition of Benjamin Williams, praying compensation for his services in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Jones, presented a petition of Phoebe Stuart, widow of James Stuart, deceased, who died while in the performance of a tour of militia duty, praying for a pension.

The Speaker presented a petition of John Gregg, praying compensation for his services, as an officer in the revolutionary army, as also, for a grant of the land to which he is entitled, in virtue of said service.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Mercer, presented a petition of Charles Chapin and others, heirs of Gurden Chapin, deceased, praying to be permitted to locate on any unlocated lands, belonging to the United States, a warrant issued by the state of Virginia, for services in the revolutionary war, and now belonging to the said heirs.

Ordered That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Tucker, of South Carolina, presented a petition of John Buchanan and Hugh Milling, officers in the revolutionary army, praying for grants of land, in the territory of Alabama, in lieu of those granted them, lying in the state of Ohio.

Mr. Robertson, presented a petition of John Mahon, who states that he volunteered under lord Dunmore, against the Shawnee Indians, in the year 1764; that after the corps was disbanded, he settled in Kentucky, by which he became entitled to 400 acres, and a pre-emption right to 1000 acres of land, but that owing to his being continually engaged in actual service in the revolutionary war, he was unable to avail himself of his rights, and praying such relief in the premises, as Congress may think just and reasonable.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims made an unfavorable report on the petition of Melancthon L. Woolsey; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Livermore, from the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill to increase the salaries of the assistant post master general; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Bellinger, from the committee on the Public Buildings, made a report, which was read; when,

Mr. Bellinger, reported a bill making appropriations for the public buildings; for the purchase of a lot of land, and for furnishing a supply of water, for the use of certain public buildings; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route, in the state of Indiana, from Lexington to Vernon.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to report to this House, a statement of the debts, credits and funds of the incorporated banks of the District of Columbia, required by the 19th section of the act of Congress, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to certain banks, in the District of Columbia, and to prevent the circulation of the notes of unincorporated associations within the said district.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law, to define and punish piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and offences against the law of nations.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the names of persons, to whom patents have been granted, for any useful invention, during the year ending the 31st day of December, 1818; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Brown," with amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of the House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions of Eli Hart, presented at the last session.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same with an amendment; which was read and concurred in by the House, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill, making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819, and on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States; and after some time spent

therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

Mr. Mercer, submitted the following resolution; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to report to this House, a bill to reduce to one, the number of major generals, of the army of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War, be directed to include in the report of the strength of the army, called for by the resolution of yesterday, the amount, in value, if any, of the extra compensation in the subsistence, clothing or pay, allowed the troops, for extra labor during the year, ending on the 30th of October last, on fatigue duties, distinguishing that which has been bestowed in compensation for labor on roads.

Mr. Speed, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, enrolled bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of William B. Lewis; and,

An act for the relief of the heirs of Alexander Montgomery, deceased.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 8, 1819.

Mr. Herkimer, presented a petition of James Cross, praying for a grant of the bounty land to which he conceives himself entitled for his services as a soldier in the army, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Herbert, presented a petition of the president and managers of the Washington Turnpike Company, of the state of Maryland, praying the assent of Congress, to an act passed by the general assembly of the state of Maryland, entitled "An act, supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize and empower the president and managers of the Washington Turnpike Company, of the state of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road, to or from Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, through the said district, to the line thereof.'"

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Nelson and Amherst, in the state of Virginia, complaining of illegal and arbitrary conduct, on the part of Oliver



Evans, in the exercise of the privileges granted him, by the act of the 21st January, 1808, and praying that the said act may be revised, and that relief may be extended to them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Beecher, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western part of the state of Ohio, praying that an office for the sale of the lands of the United States, within the said state, may be established at Greenville.

Mr. Beecher, also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Bowling-green township, in the state of Ohio, praying that certain lands, mentioned in the said petition, may be set apart and appropriated for the support of their schools and their ministers of the gospel.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Rich, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Edmund M'Guire and Daniel Dorney; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Abraham Montague and William Collins; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee, reported a bill for the relief of Daniel Moss; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Daniel, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Frederick Jenkins and Hezekiah Hutchins, and that they be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, from the committee on Roads and Canals, reported a bill to appropriate a fund for internal improvements; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hall, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Tarborough, to Williamston, North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Rogers,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, a post route, from Allentown, Pennsylvania, to M'Keansburg, Orwigsburg, Hamburg and Cootstown, in said state.

On motion of Mr. Wilkin,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary

Claims, be directed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law, for the payment to Joseph Merrill, assignee of John Carman, certificate, No. 12,171, dated 1st January, 1782, signed Timothy Pickering, quartermaster general, to secure to the said John Carman, or his order, the payment in specie, of 209 dollars, with interest at six per centum per annum, until paid.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the accounts and papers in relation to the conduct of James Thomas, a quartermaster general in the army of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, be returned to the Secretary of War.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819, and on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the first mentioned bill, with amendments; but that the committee not having time to go through the last mentioned bill, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said last mentioned bill.

The House then took up, and proceeded to consider the amendments to the bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819; and being read,

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, moved to lay the said bill and amendments on the table; which was rejected.

And the said amendments were then concurred in, with the exception of that contained in the following words:

For extra pay to noncommissioned officers and soldiers, employed in the construction and repairs of military roads, 10,000 dollars.

The said bill, was then ordered to lie on the table; and it was

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

#### MONDAY, January 11, 1819.

Mr. Upham, presented a petition of Ebenezer Horn, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Savage, presented a petition of John M'Crea, praying compensation for property destroyed by the British forces, in the

late war, in consequence of its being at the time of destruction, in the military occupancy of the army of the United States; as also, for property taken from him, and used by the officers of the said army.

Mr. Harrison, presented a petition of John R. Moore, representative of John Hamil and Abner R. Moore, praying compensation for a wagon and team, taken for the use of the northwestern army, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Lawyer, presented a petition of James Smith, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Sergeant, presented a petition of Robert Kid, praying for a reimbursement of the duties, paid by him, on a quantity of copper, which, at the time of importation, was not legally chargeable with said duties.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that a military road may be opened, from Williamsport, in the state aforesaid, to the Painted Post, in the state of New York.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Hopkinson, presented a petition of the representatives of the Religious Society of Friends, in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and the eastern parts of Maryland, praying Congress to take into their consideration, the state and condition of the Indian tribes, that they may be protected in the peaceable possession of their rights; and that such measures may be adopted, as are calculated to unfold to them the benefits and enjoyments of civilized life.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Simkins, presented a petition of Thomas Shields, a purser in the navy of the United States, stating that during the late war with Great Britain, he fitted out at his own expense, and took command of a small vessel, with which he captured an enemy's vessel, of greatly superior force, the cargo of which, has been condemned as prize of war, and one half of the proceeds thereof, has been awarded to and paid into the Treasury of the United States; that the whole expense, trouble, and risk of the trial has been borne by him, and that the attorney general of the United States, disclaimed any right to interfere in the premises, wherefore he prays that the proportion of the proceeds of the said cargo, which has been paid to the United States, may be granted to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of James Doyle; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Ann Brashears; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Charles Chapin and others; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Bridges Arendel, and that it be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Sergeant, from the committee on Roads and Canals, reported a bill, authorizing the subscription of stock in the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Company; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from William Lambert, accompanied with two hundred copies of Abstracts of Calculations, to ascertain the Longitude of the Capitol in the City of Washington, from Greenwich Observatory, in England; which letter was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of contracts made by the commissioners of the navy, during the year 1818; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, another letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting statements, containing the names and salaries of the clerks employed in the Navy Department, during the year 1818; which was read and also ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, another letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the expenditure and application of the moneys drawn from the Treasury, on account of the navy, during the year, ending on the 30th September, 1818, and of the unexpended balances of former appropriations remaining in the Treasury, on the 1st October, 1818; which was also read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Moss," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendment of the committee of the whole, depending on the 8th inst. to the bill making

appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819; which said amendment, is to insert the following item, to wit:

For extra pay to noncommissioned officers and soldiers employed in the construction and repairs of military roads, ten thousand dollars.

A motion was made by Mr. Beecher, to amend the said amendment, by striking out the words, *the construction and repairs of military*, and insert, *working on*; which was rejected; and,

Mr. Alexander Smyth, moved to amend the said amendment, by striking out the words, *employed in the construction and repairs of military roads*; and inserting, "*when employed in opening and repairing roads, and constructing and repairing bridges, which may be necessary to the movement of the army, or any detachment thereof*;" which was also rejected; and,

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, moved to strike out the words, "*construction*," and to insert in lieu of it, "*working on*," so as to make it read,

*For extra pay to noncommissioned officers and soldiers, employed in working on, and repairing of, military roads, ten thousand dollars.*

This proposition to amend the said amendment, was also rejected.

And the question was then taken, to concur in the amendment as originally reported by the committee of the whole.

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....90,  
Nays..... 75.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbot,  
Anderson, Pa.  
Anderson, Ken.  
Bateman,  
Bayley,  
Beecher,  
Butler, Lou.  
Campbell,  
Colston,  
Crawford,  
Cushman,  
Davidson,  
Ellicott,  
Ervin, S. C.  
Fuller,  
Gilbert,  
Hall, Del.  
Harrison,

Mr. Hasbrouck,  
Hendricks,  
Herbert,  
Herkimer,  
Herrick,  
Hiester,  
Hitchcock,  
Holmes,  
Hopkinson,  
Hostetter,  
Hubbard,  
Irving, N. Y.  
Johnson, Ken.  
Jones,  
Kinsey,  
Lawyer,  
Lincoln,  
Linn,

Mr. Little,  
Livermore,  
Lowndes,  
M'Lane, Del.  
M'Lean, Ill.  
W. P. Maclay,  
Marchand,  
Marr,  
Mercer,  
Middleton,  
Miller,  
Robert Moore,  
Samuel Moore,  
Morton,  
Murray,  
Nesbitt,  
Newton,  
Ogden,

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| Mr. Palmer, | Mr. Sergeant,      | Mr. Terrell,            |
| Parrott,    | Seybert,           | Terry,                  |
| Patterson,  | Silsbee,           | Trimble,                |
| Pawling,    | Simkins,           | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>      |
| Peter,      | S. Smith,          | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>     |
| Pindall,    | Bal. Smith,        | Wallace,                |
| Porter,     | Speed,             | Wendover,               |
| Quarles,    | Storrs,            | Westerlo,               |
| Robertson,  | Stuart, <i>Md.</i> | Whiteside,              |
| Rogers,     | Tallmadge,         | Wilkin,                 |
| Savage,     | Tarr,              | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i>    |
| Schuyler,   | Taylor,            | Wilson, <i>Penn.</i> 90 |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Adams,           | Mr. Folger,          | Mr. Poindexter,           |
| Allen, <i>Mass.</i>  | Gage,                | Reed,                     |
| Baldwin,             | Garnett,             | Rhea,                     |
| Ball,                | Hale,                | Rice,                     |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i> | Hall, <i>N. C.</i>   | Richards,                 |
| Barber, <i>Ohio.</i> | Hunter,              | Ringgold,                 |
| Bassett,             | Huntington,          | Ruggles,                  |
| Bellinger,           | Johnson, <i>Vir.</i> | Sampaon,                  |
| Bennett,             | Kirtland,            | Scudder,                  |
| Bloomfield,          | Lewis,               | Settle,                   |
| Blount,              | W. Maclay,           | Shaw,                     |
| Boden,               | McCoy,               | Sherwood,                 |
| Boss,                | Mason, <i>Mass.</i>  | Slocumb,                  |
| Burwell,             | Mason, <i>R. I.</i>  | Alex. Smyth,              |
| Claiborne,           | Merrill,             | J. S. Smith,              |
| Cobb,                | Mills,               | Southard,                 |
| Cook,                | Jer. Nelson,         | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>     |
| Crafts,              | H. Nelson,           | Strong,                   |
| Cruger,              | T. M. Nelson,        | Townsend,                 |
| Darlington,          | Ogle,                | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>      |
| Desha,               | Orr,                 | Upham,                    |
| Drake,               | Owen,                | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>      |
| Earle,               | Pegram,              | Whitman,                  |
| Edwards,             | Pitkin,              | Williams, <i>Con.</i>     |
| Floyd,               | Pleasants,           | Williams, <i>N. Y.</i> 75 |

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 12, 1819.

Mr. Lincoln, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Oxford and Cumberland, in the district of Maine, praying for an alteration in a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Terry, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Hartford, in the state of Connecticut, praying that the acts prohibiting the importation of slaves into the United States, may be so amended, as that persons of color, illegally imported into the United States, may not be sold as slaves.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message, which relates to the illicit introduction of slaves into the United States.

Mr. Rich, presented a petition of George Dening, praying compensation for a vessel sunk on lake Champlain, by order of an officer in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, which was afterwards raised and taken off by the enemy.

Mr. Reed, presented a petition of William T. Abbott, Mary Hyland, Melisent Williamson, and John Williamson, praying compensation for a house destroyed by the British forces, in the late war, in consequence of its being occupied by militia, in the service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Desha, presented a petition of Thomas Erekin Birch, an officer in the naval service of the revolutionary war, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Stuart, of Maryland, presented a petition of Mary Sullivan, praying to be allowed and paid the interest, on the sum granted her, by the act of the last session, for her relief.

The Speaker presented a petition of Robert P. Ross, late a lieutenant in the 5d regiment of United States volunteers, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Beecher, presented a petition of Duncan McArthur; and a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that measures may be adopted for compromising sundry conflicting claims to lands on Mad river, and the Miami of the lake, lying west of Ludlow's line, and east of the line, run in 1812, by authority of the United States; which said lands are claimed by virtue of locations on Virginia military land warrants; and under entries made in the land office of the United States, at Cincinnati.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Poindexter, presented a petition of the Baptist Association, in the state of Mississippi, praying Congress to adopt such regulations respecting the Indians, as shall appear calculated to promote their welfare and civilization, and to give them confidence in our government and an attachment to our customs and manners.

Mr. Poindexter, also presented a petition of David Berry, praying for a grant of land, as an additional compensation for his services as an interpreter of the Choctaw Indian language, for upwards of twelve years.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Bolen Layssard; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wilkin, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Aquila Giles," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report on the petition of Beriah Norton; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be *rejected*.

Mr. Bloomfield, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Robert Thompson; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas M. Nelson, from the committee on Military Affairs, made a report on that part of the President's message, of the 17th of November last, which relates to the proceedings of the court martial, in the trial of Arbuthnot and Armbrister, and to the conduct of the war, against the Seminole Indians; which was read and committed to the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, submitted to the House, a paper also purporting to be a report of the committee on Military Affairs, as proposed in committee by the minority, who were opposed to the majority, upon the same subject; which was read and also committed to the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union.

A message, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, on the 8th inst. approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

An act for the relief of William B. Lewis; and,

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Montgomery, deceased.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants, for services rendered during the war of the revolution.



On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Treasury, be instructed to report to this House, a statement of the debts, credits, and funds of all the banks in the District of Columbia, not embraced in the term of the resolution of this House, passed on the 7th inst.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Connecticut,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route, from Lebanon, in Connecticut, through Windham and Hampton, to the town of Woodstock in said state.

On motion of Mr. Folger,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation allowed to the postmaster at Nantucket.

On motion of Mr. Mills,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Talley's Cross Roads, in Chester, through Norwich and Westhampton to Northampton, in Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Fuller,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the post road from Medford to South Reading, in the state of Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Ervin, of South Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the postmaster in Georgetown, in the state of South Carolina.

Ordered, That the petition of Richard Bland Lee, late Commissioner of Claims, presented on the 18th of April, 1818, be referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting the annual report of the Commissioners of the Navy Pension Fund, with sundry statements, in relation thereto; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, another letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting sundry papers, being copies of letters and extracts of letters, to commanding naval officers, which contain all the instructions which have issued from the Naval Department, in pursuance of the act of Congress, prohibiting the importation of slaves, passed on the 2d day of March, 1807, communicated in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the 4th instant; which was ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819, was read the third time.

And on the question shall it pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....107  
Nays.....57

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,             | Mr. Hostetter,       | Mr. Pindall,           |
| Anderson, <i>Penn.</i> | Hubbard,             | Porter,                |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i>  | Hunter,              | Quarles,               |
| Baldwin,               | Irving, <i>N. F.</i> | Rich,                  |
| Barber, <i>Ohio,</i>   | Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Robertson,             |
| Bateman,               | Jones,               | Rogers,                |
| Bayley,                | Kinsey,              | Ruggles,               |
| Beecher,               | Kirtland,            | Savage,                |
| Bloomfield,            | Lawyer,              | Sawyer,                |
| Boss,                  | Lincoln,             | Schuyler,              |
| Butler, <i>N. H.</i>   | Linn,                | Sergeant,              |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>    | Little,              | Settle,                |
| Campbell,              | Livermore,           | Seybert,               |
| Claggett,              | Lownds,              | Silsbee,               |
| Crawford,              | M'Lane, <i>Del.</i>  | S. Smith,              |
| Cushman,               | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>  | Bal. Smith,            |
| Darlington,            | W. P. Maclay,        | Speed,                 |
| Davidson,              | Marchand,            | Spencer,               |
| Ellicott,              | Marr,                | Storrs,                |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>    | Mason, <i>Mass.</i>  | Strother,              |
| Fuller,                | Mercer,              | Stuart, <i>Md.</i>     |
| Gage,                  | Middleton,           | Talmdadge,             |
| Gilbert,               | Miller,              | Tarr,                  |
| Hale,                  | Robert Moore,        | Taylor,                |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>      | Saml. Moore,         | Terrell,               |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>     | Morton,              | Terry,                 |
| Harrison,              | Murray,              | Trimble,               |
| Hasbrouck,             | Nesbitt,             | Tucker, <i>Vir.</i>    |
| Hendricks,             | Newton,              | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>    |
| Herbert,               | Ogden,               | Wallace,               |
| Herkimer,              | Ogle,                | Westerlo,              |
| Herrick,               | Palmer,              | Whiteside,             |
| Hiester,               | Parrott,             | Wilkin,                |
| Hitchcock,             | Patterson,           | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i>   |
| Holmes,                | Pawling,             | Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> 107 |
| Hopkinson,             | Peter,               |                        |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Adams,           | Mr. Bellinger, | Mr. Cobb, |
| Allen, <i>Mass.</i>  | Bennett,       | Cook,     |
| Ball,                | Blount,        | Crafts,   |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i> | Boden,         | Cruger,   |
| Bassett,             | Burwell,       | Culbreth, |

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| Mr. Desha,          | Mr. H. Nelson, | Mr. Sherwood,             |
| Floyd,              | T. M. Nelson,  | Slocumb,                  |
| Folger,             | Pegram,        | J. S. Smith,              |
| Garnett,            | Pitkin,        | Southard,                 |
| Hogg,               | Pleasants,     | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>     |
| Huntington,         | Poindexter,    | Strong,                   |
| Johnson, <i>Va.</i> | Reed,          | Tompkins,                 |
| Lewis,              | Rhea,          | Townsend,                 |
| W. Maclay,          | Rice,          | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>      |
| McCoy,              | Richards,      | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>      |
| Mason, <i>R. I.</i> | Ringgold,      | Whitman,                  |
| Merrill,            | Sampson,       | Williams, <i>Con.</i>     |
| Mills,              | Scudder,       | Williams, <i>N. F.</i>    |
| Jer. Nelson,        | Shaw,          | Williams, <i>N. C. 57</i> |

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill respecting the military establishment of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the same with an amendment, to strike out the first section thereof.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Ordered, That the several orders of the day, which precede the bill for the relief of Adam Kinsley and Thomas French, be postponed until to-morrow.

And the House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of the said Adam Kinsley and Thomas French; and on the report of the committee of Claims, on the petition of Charles S. Leonard; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson, reported the said bill with an amendment, embracing the case of the said Leonard; which was read and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements of the debts, credits, and funds of the banks of the District of Columbia, incorporated by the act of 3d March, 1817, rendered in obedience to a resolution of this House of the 7th instant; which was ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 13, 1819.

Mr. Whitman, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, praying for the erection of a light house, on Baker's island in the said district.

Mr. Hitchcock, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying for the erection of a light house, near Cleveland harbor, on lake Erie.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Fuller, presented a petition of Asa Howe,

Mr. McLane, of Delaware, presented a petition of John Bennett,

Mr. Orr, presented a petition of William Kennedy; respectively praying for pensions.

Mr. Williams, of New York, presented a petition of John Miller, praying for arrearages of pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Fuller, presented a petition of Joseph S. Read, postmaster in Cambridge, in the state of Massachusetts, praying for additional compensation.

Mr. Crafts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the states of New Hampshire and Vermont.

Mr. Williams, of New York, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Otsego, in the state of New York; respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Williams, of New York, also presented a petition of Thomas Fancher, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented documents, in support of the petition of general Robert Swartwout; which were committed to the committee of the whole, on the bill for his relief.

Mr. Sergeant, presented a petition of Joseph E. Bloomfield, on behalf of Richard S. Hackley, stating that the said Hackley, while acting as consul of the United States, at Cadiz, in Spain, seized and detained, under orders from the charge des affairs of the United States, in Spain, the American ship Vigilant; and praying a reimbursement of the moneys expended by him, in consequence thereof, amounting to upwards of six thousand dollars; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Irving, and Mr. Morton, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. McLane, of Delaware, presented sundry statements and papers, in relation to the concerns of the Chesapeake and Delaware

Canal Company; which was committed to the committee of the whole, on the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to subscribe for stock, in the said company, on behalf of the United States.

Mr. Middleton, presented a petition of Archibald B. Lord, Hugh Delany, John Anderson, and Edward Marriner, in behalf of themselves and others, composing the crew of the United States late cutter Boxer, praying to be allowed an additional part of the proceeds of the brig Diana, seized by said cutter and condemned for a violation of the nonintercourse acts, in the late war, with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Marr, presented a petition of Mildred Melton, widow of Jacob Melton, who died in the military service of the United States, praying for a continuance of the pension heretofore granted to her.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hitchcock, presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that further time may be allowed, to complete the payments for lands, sold prior to the 1st day of January, 1816.

Mr. Hitchcock, also presented a petition of William Grimes, praying to be permitted to change his entry of a tract of land, purchased of the United States, having through a mistake, entered a tract different from that which he intended to enter, and on which he is actually located.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Alpheus Colton, and John Gregg; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners respectively, ought not to be granted.

Mr. Rhea, also reported a bill to provide for the payment of the pensions of persons under guardianship, to their guardians; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Ebenezer Horn and Phoebe Stuart, and that the former be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the latter to a select committee; and,

Mr. Jones, Mr. Ball, and Mr. Marr, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Private Land Claims,

made a report on the petition of Nicholas Jarrott; which was read; when,

Mr. Robertson, reported a bill for the relief of the said Nicholas Jarrott; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill confirming certain claims to land, in the territory of Illinois.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of James Caze, and John Richard, referred to them on the 1st ult. which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Thomas Shields, for compensation for stores furnished the crews of five gun boats, commanded by Lt. Jones; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Middleton, from the committee, on that part of the President's message, which relates to the illicit introduction of slaves into the United States, reported a bill, in addition to the acts, prohibiting the slave trade; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report made at the last session, upon the subject of the colonization, of the free people of color.

Ordered, That the committee last mentioned, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of "the New York Society, for Promoting the Manumission of Slaves, and protecting such of them as have been, or may be liberated;" and that it be referred to the committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Falmouth, in Kentucky, to Neville, in Ohio.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Cephas L. Rockwood.

On motion of Mr. Desha,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Millersburg, to Cynthiana, in the state of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Herriek,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Zanesville, to "White Eyes Plains," on the east side of the Muskingum river, by the way of Plainfield, in the state of Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Beecher,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Post Road, from Piqua, by St. Mary's and Fort Wayne, and Fort Defiance to Fort Meigs, in the state of Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Robert Moore,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the postmaster at Beaver town, in Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, inquire into the expediency of allowing a further time to the guardians of the minor children of deceased soldiers, to relinquish their claims to bounty lands, for five years half pay, as provided by the second section of the act, entitled "An act making further provision for military services, during the late war, and for other purposes," approved the 16th of April, 1816.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

Resolved, That the committee on Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law, the friendly chiefs and warriors of the Creek Indians, to sell to the United States, all their right and claim, to such lands as have or may be reserved and located for them in the Alabama territory, in obedience to the first article of the treaty of the 9th of August, 1814, making the reservation, and the law of Congress, authorizing the location.

On motion of Mr. Herrick,

Resolved, That the committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the appointment of commissioners, to survey, lay out and mark a road, from the west bank of the Ohio river, opposite the point, where the Cumberland road strikes the same, through St. Clairsville, to Columbus, from thence to the western line of the state of Ohio, in a direction to St. Louis, in the territory of Missouri.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill, explanatory of the act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States, in the City of Washington; and the amendment reported to the said bill by a select committee, on the 5th inst. was read and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Benjamin Pool; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of doctor Mottrom Ball," with an amendment. They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands, for failure in completing the payment thereon;" in which amendment and bill, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendment of the Senate, to the bill for the relief of doctor Mottram Ball, was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to enable the people of the territory of Alabama, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to enable the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to suspend for a limited time, the sale on forfeiture of lands, for failure in completing the payment thereon," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Adam Kinsley and Thomas French, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act for the relief of Adam Kinsley, Thomas French, and Charles S. Leonard;" and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill, authorizing the payment of a sum of money, to the officers and crews of gr. boats, No. 149 and 154; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha, reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett, reported the same with an amendment; which was read and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Henry Davis; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin, reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth; and on the bill for the relief of John B. C. Lucas, and Clement B. Penrose; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pleasants, reported the said bills, without amendment.

Ordered, That the bill for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth,



be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow; and that the bill for the relief of John B. C. Lucas and Clement B. Penrose, be postponed, until the 4th of March, next.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 14, 1819.

Mr. Holmes, presented a petition of James Campbell, a drum major, in the revolutionary army, praying for a grant of the land, to which he is entitled, for his service in the capacity aforesaid.

Mr. Herkimer, presented a petition of Benjamin Delane,

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Samuel Farrall,

Mr. Ringgold, presented a petition of Peter Gebhart; respectively praying for pensions.

Mr. Ringgold, also presented a petition of John Gomer, also praying for a pension, and that the same may be allowed him, from the commencement of the present form of government.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Williams, of New York, presented a petition of Joshua Lovejoy, praying compensation for his property destroyed by the British forces, in the month of December, 1813, upon their invasion of the Niagara frontier.

Mr. Crawford, presented a petition of John Hollicoy, praying compensation for his wagon and team and other property, captured and destroyed by the Indians, while engaged in the service of the United States, in the spring of the year 1815.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant, presented a petition of Isaac W. Norris, administrator of the estate of Joseph Summerl, deceased, late of the city of Philadelphia, praying to be allowed and paid, the drawback on a quantity of merchandise, exported in the year 1801, by the late firm of Summerl and Brown, which is withheld, in consequence of their not taking the necessary oaths, within the time prescribed by law, owing, as is alledged in the petition, to a mistake on the part of a clerk in the custom house.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Ringgold, presented a petition of James F. Houston, postmaster at Fredericktown, in Maryland, praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hitchcock, presented a petition of George Reynolds; a petition of Frederick Oustine; and a petition of William Cogswell; who state that they were residing in the British province of Canada,

at the commencement of the late war, and that owing to their attachment to the United States, they refused to bear arms, when called upon by the British authorities, in consequence of which, they were subjected to much hardship, and finally abandoned the province and removed into the United States, leaving their property to a large amount, which was confiscated by the British government, and praying such relief in the premises, as to Congress shall seem meet and proper.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of William L. Whitfield and William T. Barnes; which was read; and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also reported a bill supplementary to, and to amend the act, entitled "An act to continue in force, an act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes," passed the 3d day of March, 1817; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to reduce the duties on certain wines, and to declare free of duty, books printed in foreign languages.

Ordered, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution, instructing them to inquire into the expediency of fixing a standard of weights and measures.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made reports on the petitions of Hezekiah Hutchens, John L. Polereczky and Henry Brown; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Hezekiah Hutchens, ought not to be granted; and that John L. Polereczky and Henry Brown, have permission to withdraw their petitions and accompanying documents.

Mr. Bloomfield, also made a report on the petition of lieutenant Bartlett Hinds; which was read; when,

Mr. Bloomfield, reported a bill for the relief of the said lieutenant Bartlett Hinds; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee on Indian Affairs, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of David Berry, and that the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the expenditure and application

of the moneys, drawn from the Treasury by him, during the year ending on the 30th of September last, under the appropriations for the year 1818, and of the unexpended balances of former appropriations for the military establishment remaining in the Treasury, on the 1st of October last; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of war, made in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the 18th of April last, instructing him to report a plan, for the application of such means, as are within the power of Congress, to the purpose of opening and constructing such roads and canals, as may deserve and require the aid of government with a view to military operations, in time of war; and also, a statement of the works of the nature abovementioned, which have been commenced, the progress which has been made, and the means and prospect of their completion; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also, laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statement of the district tonnage, on the 31st of December, 1817; which was also ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Speed, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Frederick Brown; and,

An act for the relief of doctor Mottrom Ball; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Virginia;

Resolved, That the President of the United States, be requested to inform this House, (unless the communication of the information be, in his opinion, incompatible with the public interest,) whether any application has been made by any of the independent governments in South America, to have a minister or consul general, accredited by the government of the United States; and what was the answer given to such application.

Mr. Johnson, of Virginia, and Mr. Settle, were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report of the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made on the 4th ult. on the petition of Benjamin Simmons; and the resolution recommended in the said report, was read as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition and accompanying papers.

A motion was made by Mr. Hubbard, to amend the said resolution, by striking out the word *not*, and all after the word *granted*, so as to make it read: Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner *ought* to be granted.

And on the question to agree to the said amendment.

It passed in the affirmative.

The said resolution was then agreed to as amended, and the report and petition were recommitted to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, with instructions to report a bill for the relief of the petitioner.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting sundry papers and statements, showing the different places in which provision is made for the accommodation of seamen, under the several laws relating to navy and marine hospitals, the number of persons, as near as can be ascertained, annually accommodated at each, and the expense attending the same; transmitted in obedience to a resolution of the House, of the 17th of April last; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Engrossed bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Benjamin Pool,

An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money, to the officers and crews of gun boats, No. 149 and 154,

An act concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased.

An act for the relief of Henry Davis; and,

An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making provision for the claim of Monsieur Poiray, as secretary and aid de camp to major general La Fayette; and on the bill making provision for the claim of Monsieur de Vienne; and after sometime spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed and severally read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia, for calling them into the service of the United States, for governing them therein, and for compensating them for their services; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Hugh Nelson, reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 15, 1819.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of Joshua Stetson and Paul Perry, praying for a patent right for a machine, which they have

procured, at great risk and trouble, from Great Britain, for the spinning of flax, hemp, and tow.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Robert Carmichael and Peter Robinson, late inhabitants of Scotland and now residing in the city of Baltimore, on behalf of themselves and of various other aliens, residing in said city, stating that owing to their ignorance and to a misapprehension by the proper officers, of the laws of the United States, upon the subject of naturalization, they have been unable to become citizens, although they have been residing in the country, for the space of time required by law, and praying that a special act may be passed for their naturalization.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Seth Webber and Thomas Page, praying that the duties paid by them on a quantity of copper, may be refunded, as the supreme court of the United States, have decided, that the said copper, was not, at the time of importation, subject to duty.

Mr. Mason, also presented a petition of the New England Glass Company, by Deming Jarves, their agent, praying that plain glass, imported into the United States, may be charged with a *specific*, instead of an *ad valorem*, duty.

Mr. Baldwin presented a similar petition from Benjamin Bakewell, Benjamin Page and Thomas Bakewell, manufacturers of glass, in the city of Pittsburgh, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of doctor Cornelius Roosa, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Westerlo presented a document, in relation to the petition of William McGill; which was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. M'Lane, of Delaware, presented a document in support of the petition of John Bennett; which was referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Herbert presented a petition of Andrew Bartle, praying for additional compensation for work done, and materials furnished in the erection of fort Washington, on the Potomac river.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented a petition of Phoebe Champe, widow of the late John Champe, a sergeant major, in Lee's legion of horse, in the revolutionary war, and who was employed by general Washington, in a highly important, and secret service, and which is particularly detailed, in the 30th chapter of "Lee's Memoirs of the War, in the Southern Department of the United States," praying for a pension and for a grant of land.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Bennett; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the case of Reuben Colbourne; which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the claim of Reuben Colburn, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Rhea, also reported a bill for the relief of Samuel B. Beall; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Samuel Gibbs.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Williams, Asa Howe, and Robert P. Ross; and that the former be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the two latter to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of John D. Carter; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of John Wilmot.

Mr. Colston, from the committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to authorize and empower the President and Managers of the Washington Turnpike Company, of the state of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road, to or from Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, to the line thereof;" which was read the first and second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of captain Samuel McClure, and the company lately under his command; which was read and committed to the committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, made reports on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Nelson and Amherst counties in Virginia, complaining of the oppression of Oliver Evans, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be discharged from the further consideration of the said petition, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Poin Dexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petitions of William Grimes & John Buchanan, and Hugh Milling; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners respectively be *rejected*.

Mr. Poindexter, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act farther to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands, for failure in completing the payment thereon," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on the Public Lands, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Mahon, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of David Berry, and that it be referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Southard, from the committee on Indian Affairs, made a report; which was read; when,

Mr. Southard reported a bill providing for the abolition of the Indian trading establishments of the United States, and providing for the opening of the trade with the Indians, to individuals; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to prohibit the Choctaw tribe of Indians, from settling or hunting on the lands of the United States west of the Mississippi.

Mr. Southard, also reported a bill to authorize the President of the United States, to select such tribes of Indians, as he may think best prepared for the change, and to adopt such means, as he may judge expedient in order to civilize the same; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, last mentioned.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for delivering up persons, held to labor or service, in any of the states or territories, who shall escape into any other state or territory; and that the said committee have leave to report by bill; and,

Mr. Pindall, Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky, and Mr. Beecher, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Campbell submitted the following resolution; which was read and *rejected*.

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of punishing as spies, white men, who may be found instigating the Indians to hostilities, or fighting with them against the United States.

Mr. Sergeant submitted the following resolution; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a general ordinance, whereby the fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty, shall be

guaranteed to the inhabitants of the territories exterior to the original limits of the United States, and made the basis of all governments, hereafter to be established therein.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the committee appointed to inquire whether it be expedient to make any amendment in the laws, which regulate the coins of the United States, and foreign coins, be instructed to inquire, also, into the expediency of fixing the standard of weights and measures.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the sale of such military sites, owned by the United States, as have become, or have been found to be useless for military purposes.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill, explanatory of the act, entitled "An act for the final adjustment of land titles, in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri," be discharged; and that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Engrossed bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey; and,

An act making provision for the claim of M. de Vienne; were severally read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia, for calling them into the service of the United States, for governing them therein, and for compensating them for their services; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson, reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of moneys paid to the army for extra labor upon roads and other objects of fatigue duty, for the year ending the 1st October, 1818, so far as the accounts have been received, including the extra issues of whiskey, rendered in pursuance of the resolutions of this House, of the 6th and 7th instant; which was ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Bloomfield, that when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next; which was rejected.

And then the House adjourned.



SATURDAY, January 16, 1819.

Mr. Sherwood presented a petition of Sarah Wetmore, widow of Hezekiah Wetmore, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be paid the balance of pay and the commutation of the five years full pay due for the services of the deceased.

Mr. Pawling presented a petition of William Zoll, Henry Bearly, Frederick Tutt, Andrew Shenfessel and Martin Felix, carters in the public service, in the revolutionary war, praying that the provisions of the act passed at the last session, providing for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war, may be extended to them.

Mr. Pawling, also presented a petition of Henry Lotz, John Fox, Michael Spatz, and Jacob Fleisher, marines, in the revolutionary war, praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Wendover, presented a petition of Joseph H. Cunningham, praying to be discharged from his liability, as the surety of a certain Philip D. Spencer, a paymaster in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, for reasons stated in the petition.

Mr. Wendover, also presented a petition of William L. Hull, praying to be discharged from the effects of a judgment, rendered against him, as the surety of a certain Jeremiah Draper, in a bond for the payment of duties on merchandise, imported into the United States, by the said Draper, as he has made an assignment of all his property, for the purpose of discharging his debts.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Williams, of New York, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Otsego, in the state of New York,

Mr. William P. Maclay presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Mifflin and Union counties, in the state of Pennsylvania,

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Wood, Lewis, Randolph and Pendleton, in the state of Virginia, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Stephen O. Runyan, praying Congress to authorize the establishment of a military road from Sackett's Harbor, in the state of New York, to the city of Philadelphia.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of Bartlett Still, auctioneer, in the city of Richmond, praying for the remission of a penalty incurred by him, in selling without a license, for reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Scott, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Arkansaw country, in the territory of Missouri, praying that a separate territorial government may be established for the said country, and that the seat of the government thereof, may be established at the mouth of the Cadron, on the Arkansas river.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill, to enable the people of the territory of Missouri, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Gad Pierce, Joshua Hathaway and others, Rufus Spalding and others, Warren Sadler and George Stow, all of the Niagara frontier; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Spencer, from the committee appointed on the 30th of November last, to inspect the books, and examine into the proceedings of the bank of the United States, to report thereon, and to report whether the provisions of its charter have been violated or not, made a detailed report thereon; which was read and committed to the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union.

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to procure as speedily as practicable, for the use of the members of this House, 2500 copies of the said report, in addition to the usual number of six hundred copies.

Mr. Spencer, from the same committee, by leave of the House, reported a bill to enforce the provisions of the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States," which relate to the right of voting for directors; which bill was read the first and second time and also committed to the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union.

Ordered, That the committee on Foreign Relations, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the New York Society, for Promoting the Manumission of Slaves, and protecting such of them as have been, or may be liberated;" and that it be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade.

Mr. Pindall, from the committee appointed yesterday, reported a bill to provide for delivering up persons held to labor or service, in any of the states or territories, who shall escape into any other state or territory; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade.

Mr. Johnson, of Virginia, from the committee appointed on the 14th inst. to present a resolution to the President of the United States, reported that the committee had performed that duty, and

that they were informed by the President that he would attend to the request contained in the said resolution.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act, explanatory of the act, entitled "An act for the final adjustment of land titles, in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri;" and,

An act, supplementary to the act, "entitled an act to authorize and empower the President and Managers of the Washington Turnpike Company, of the state of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road, to or from Georgetown in the District of Columbia, through the said District, to the line thereof;" were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the resolution "for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals, and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics, to be deposited in the library," with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendment was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

#### MONDAY, January 18, 1849.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the states of New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Mr. Pitkin presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Litchfield, in the state of Connecticut, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Shaw presented a petition of Edmund Foster, an officer in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, praying for an increase of his pension.

Mr. Savage presented a petition of Moses Smith, a soldier in the revolutionary war, also praying for an increase of his pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Shaw, also presented a petition of Jonathan Fenney, a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Williams, of New York, presented a petition of Lemuel Sergeant, an officer in the said army, respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of New Bedford, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that the acts prohibiting the importation of slaves, may be so amended, as that persons of color, illegally imported into the United States, may not be sold as slaves.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill, supplementary to the acts prohibiting the slave trade.

Mr. Terry presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Connecticut Asylum, for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons, praying for the aid and assistance of the government of the United States, either in land or money, so as to enable them to support the said institution; which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Terry, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Cruger, and Mr. Williams of Connecticut, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Buell, presented on the 13th January, 1818, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Stuart, of Maryland, presented a petition of sundry pilots for the river Potomac, praying for the passage of an act, authorizing them to conduct and navigate vessels, bound to and from the District of Columbia.

Ordered. That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of George Henderson; a petition of Nathan McCarty; a petition of John Lorens, and a petition of Paschal Detchemondy, respectively praying that their titles to lands, in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott, also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Arkansas country, in the territory of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a separate territorial government for the said country; and that the town of Arkansas, may be established as the seat of government thereof.

Mr. Scott, also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Lawrence, in the territory of Missouri, praying for an alteration in the boundaries of the land districts of Jackson and Lawrence, in the said territory.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill to enable the people of the territory of Missouri, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Scott, also presented a petition of Jenifer T. Sprigg, praying for additional compensation for his services as a deputy surveyor, in the territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of William M'Donald, brother and administrator of the late captain James M'Donald; which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill authorizing an equitable settlement of the accounts of the late captain James M'Donald, of the 14th regiment of United States infantry; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill, relative to the direct tax and internal duties; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill to increase the duty on cotton, and to prohibit the allowance of drawback, on the exportation of gunpowder.

Mr. Smith, also reported a bill, supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts;" which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, on Thursday next.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of James Mackay, referred to them on the 14th ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee, to which was referred, the report of the recorder of land titles, in the territory of Missouri, made in obedience of the act of the 20th of April, 1818, entitled "An act for the relief of James Mackay, of the territory of Missouri," made a detailed report thereon; which was read; when,

Mr. Robertson, reported a bill, for the relief of the said James Mackay; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Philip C. S. Barbour.

Mr. Robertson, also made an unfavorable report, on the petition of Josiah H. M'Comas and wife; which was read, and committed to the committee of the whole, last mentioned.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of William Dent Beall; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner, ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Henry Lotz and others, William Zoll and others, Louis Joseph

de Beaulieu, and William Kennedy, jr. and that the three former be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the latter to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, who were instructed, by a resolution of the 7th ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of granting to each state, one hundred thousand acres of land, for the endowment of an university in each state, made a report unfavorable to the granting of said land; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting information in relation to the adjustment and payment of the claims, of the friendly Creek Indians, rendered in obedience to the resolution of this House, of the 4th inst. which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of miscellaneous claims, discharged at the Treasury, in the year 1818; a statement of payments made at the Treasury, in 1818, of such demands, of a civil nature, as are not otherwise provided for by law; a statement of contracts and purchases, made by the collector's for the revenue service, in the year 1817; and a statement of expenditures for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, in the same year; which letter and statements, were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Edwards.

Resolved, That the President of the United States, be requested to cause any information, not already communicated, to be laid before this House, whether Amelia Island, St. Marks and Pensacola, yet remain in the possession of the United States, and if so, by what laws the inhabitants thereof are governed; whether articles imported therein, from foreign countries, are subject to any, and to what duties, and by what laws; and whether the said duties are collected and how; whether vessels arriving in the United States from Pensacola and Amelia Island, and in Pensacola and Amelia Island, from the United States, respectively, are considered and treated as vessels arriving from foreign countries.

Mr. Edwards and Mr. McLean, of Illinois, were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to consider and report to this House, whether any amendments may be expedient to the several laws, now in force, providing for compensation to individuals, for losses of property, sustained during the late war with Great Britain, either by the public enemy, or in consequence of impressments into the service of the United States, or by order of the officers of the United States, or otherwise.

Mr. Storrs, Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Quarles, and Mr. Ball, were appointed the said committee.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported, that the committee of the whole, had had the state of the Union under consideration and came to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 19, 1819.

On motion of Mr. Mason, of Rhode Island,

Ordered, That the petition of Stephen Jenks, and Sons, presented on the 19th January, 1818, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Wendover, presented a petition of Iron Founders and proprietors of founderies, in the city of New York, praying that the duties on iron castings, may be increased, and those on pig iron reduced or repealed.

Mr. Lawyer, presented a petition of George Tiffany, late collector of direct tax and internal duties, for the seventh collection district in the state of New York, praying to be exonerated from his liability to make good to the United States, the sum of 382 dollars, for reasons stated in his petition.

Mr. Palmer, presented a document in support of the petition of John M<sup>c</sup>Gill.

Ordered, That the said petitions and documents, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Lawyer, presented a petition of Joseph de Silva,

Mr. Ogle, presented a petition of Adam Tate, soldiers in the revolutionary army, respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Bloomfield, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Burlington, in the state of New Jersey, praying that the acts prohibiting the importation of slaves, may be so amended as that persons of color, illegally imported into the United States, may not be sold as slaves.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill, supplementary to the acts prohibiting the importation of slaves, into the United States.

Mr. Austin, presented a petition of Thomas Ford, praying to be paid the amount of certain evidences of public debt, issued in the revolutionary war, and which now remain in his possession.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Speed, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Kentucky, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report on the petition of Samuel Bennett; which was read; when,

Mr. Bloomfield, reported a bill directing the Secretary of War, to place Samuel Bennett, a private of the revolutionary army, on the pension list; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, reported a bill, allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of William L. Hull and Joseph H. Cunningham, and that they be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Speed, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 16th inst. present to the President of the United States, enrolled bills, and a resolution, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Frederick Brown,

An act for the relief of doctor Motrom Ball; and,

A resolution directing a survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina.

Mr. Edwards, from the committee appointed yesterday to present a resolution to the President of the United States, reported that the committee had performed that duty, and that they were informed by the President, that he would attend to the request contained in the said resolution.

Mr. Middleton, laid before the House, sundry documents transmitted to him as chairman of the committee, on that part of the President's message, which relates to the illicit introduction of slaves into the United States; which were referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill, supplementary to the act prohibiting the importation of slaves into the United States.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, inquire into the expediency of so altering the post road from Clarksburg, in Virginia, to Marietta, in Ohio, as that the same shall pass by the way of Middlebourne, Sistersville, Bailey's and Newport.

Resolved, That the same committee inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Moorfield, by the way of Smith's and the German Settlement, to Kingwood, and from Preston, in Lewis county, to the Little Kenhawa, at Howell's mill.

Mr. H. Nelson, submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Speaker be authorized to admit to seats within the House of Representatives, such persons as he may think



proper, having regard to the convenience of the members, in transacting the public business.

The question was taken, will the House *now* proceed to consider the said resolution?

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Trimble submitted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney General of the United States, in conjunction with the District Attorney of Pennsylvania, shall immediately cause a *scire facias* to be issued, according to the 23d section of the "Act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," calling on the corporation created by the said act, to show *cause* wherefore the charter thereby granted, shall not be declared forfeited; and that it shall be the duty of the said officers, to cause such proceedings to be had in the premises, as shall be necessary to obtain a final judgment thereon; for the expenses of which Congress will hereafter provide.

And on the question, will the House *now* proceed to consider the said resolution.

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Hitchcock,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the port of entry in the district of Sandusky in the state of Ohio, from Danbury, to the city of Sandusky, in the same district.

On motion of Mr. Ogle,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the Yellow Springs, in Huntingdon county, passing through Williamsburgh, Martinsburgh, and thence to the Bloody Run, in Bedford county, all in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement exhibiting the amount received by each clerk, in the several offices of the Treasury Department, in the year 1818; which was ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States, and the appointment of Circuit Judges;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the military establishment of the United States, for the year 1818; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Pitkin reported, that the committee of the whole, had had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 20, 1819.

Mr. Strong presented a petition of Asa Fuller, praying compensation for property, destroyed by the enemy, on the Niagara frontier, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Ordered, That the petition of John McGehe, presented on the 9th February, 1818, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Nelson, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Mehitabel Merrill, widow of John Merrill, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying to be paid the amount now due, for the services of her said husband, in the capacity aforesaid.

The Speaker presented a petition of Harriet Barney, widow of the late commodore Joshua Barney, on behalf of herself and the infant children of said commodore, praying that the pension granted the deceased in his life time, for eminent public services and wounds received in battle, which ultimately caused his death, may be continued to her and the said children.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a memorial of a general meeting of the members of the various religious denominations in the city of New York, praying that Congress will devise such a system and provide for the execution of such a plan, as may be best calculated, effectually to promote the security, the preservation, and the improvement of the Indians.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill to authorize the President of the United States, to select such tribes of Indians, as may be best prepared, and to adopt measures for their civilization.

Mr. Simkins presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Newberry district, in the state of South Carolina.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Shelby county, in the state of Ohio, respectively praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying Congress to grant a further term of three

years, for the completion of the payment of the purchase money, of all lands, which were entered prior to the 1st day of January, 1815; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jones presented a petition of John Read, register of the said land office, at Huntsville, in the territory of Alabama, praying for additional compensation.

Mr. McLean, of Illinois, presented a petition of James McFarland, William Frizell and James Ford, stating that by a misconception of the act, they have been deprived of their right of pre-emption to the land on which they reside, and were compelled at a public sale, to pay more than double the standard price; and pray-such relief in the premises, as Congress may think proper to grant.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of James Johnson, stating that a certain James Dougherty, has fraudulently obtained from him, the certificate granted by the register of the land office, at Jeffersonville, showing the purchase of his said tract of land, and praying that the said register may be directed to grant another certificate, in lieu thereof.

Mr. Hendricks also presented a petition of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, praying for the appointment of an additional surveyor general, whose duties shall be confined to the surveying of the lands of the United States, within the said state.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Henricks, also presented another petition of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, praying that further time may be given to purchasers of public lands, to complete their payments; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hendricks, also presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the said state of Indiana, praying to be permitted to locate the land, granted to them for their seat of government, on sections or fractional sections, as they may deem most expedient.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill supplementary to the act, to enable the people of the territory of Indiana, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. McLean, of Illinois, presented a petition of Joseph Cornelius, praying that his right to a tract of land lying within the state of Illinois, may be confirmed.

Ordered That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Poinexter, presented a petition of Abraham R. Ellery and Eleazer W. Ripley, in behalf of the trustees of Hancock College, in the state of Mississippi, praying for a grant of two townships of land, lying in the said state, as an endowment of said college; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Peter Gebhart; which was read; and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be *not* granted.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Deline, and that it be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Storrs, from the committee to which was referred the bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens, Lucretia Stevens, late Lucretia Sands, and others, reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendment lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Newton;

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Kempsville, in Virginia, to London bridge, in the same state.

Mr. Bassett submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the rules for the admission of persons within the hall of this House, be suspended, during the present debate, so that the Speaker may admit within the Hall, others than those included within the same.

A message from the President of the United States, was received by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 19th inst. approve and sign enrolled bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of doctor Mottrom Ball; and,

An act for the relief of Frederick Brown.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the debts, credits, and funds of the banks, within the District of Columbia, not returned in the statement laid before this House, on the 14th inst; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Seaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of war, transmitting a report of the names of the clerks, employed in the various offices of the War Department, in the year 1818, with the salary of each; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported, that the committee of the whole, had had the state of the Union under consideration and came to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 21, 1819.

Mr. Williams, of New York, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Susquehanna, in Pennsylvania; and of the county of Broome, in the state of New York, praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the acts prohibiting the importation of slaves, may be so amended, as that persons of color illegally introduced into the United States, may not be sold as slaves.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill supplementary to the acts prohibiting the importation of slaves.

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of David Patterson, stating that whilst a soldier in the army, between the years 1791 and 1794, he loaned a considerable sum of money to his recruiting officer, for the public service; that he furnished his own clothing during his service; and that he has never received the pay and bounty, to which he was entitled for his services, in the capacity aforesaid; that his colonel gave him an honorable discharge and an order on the War Department, for the amount of his claims, both of which he lost by the upsetting of the boat in which he was crossing the Ohio river, and praying such relief in the premises, as Congress may think meet and proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the southern part of the territory of Missouri, praying that a separate territorial government may be established for the said southern part of the territory of Missouri, by the name of the territory of Arkansas.

Ordered, That the said petition be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill to enable the people of the territory of Missouri, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Livermore, from the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill authorizing the Postmaster General, to contract, as in other cases, for carrying the mail, in steam boats,

between New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Catts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information, that the President of the United States did, on the 19th inst. approve and sign "A resolution directing the survey of certain parts of the coast of North Carolina." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled "resolution for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals, and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics, to be deposited in the Library;" and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the committee on Revolutionary Pensions made a report on the petitions of Philemon Griffith, Andrew Small and Ebenezer Horn; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved. That the petitioners have leave to *withdraw* their respective petitions.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the same committee, made a report on the petitions of Henry Lotz and others, and William Zoll and others; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petitions be *rejected*.

Mr. Bloomfield, also made a report on the petition of Lewis Joseph de Beaulieu; which was read; when,

Mr. Bloomfield reported a bill for the relief of the said Lewis Joseph de Beaulieu; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Hannah Ring and Luther Frink.

On motion of Mr. Pleasants,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the sale of a lot of land with the house thereon, situated at Bermuda hundred on James river, in Virginia, belonging to the United States, and formerly used as a custom house.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act, supplementary to the act, entitled an act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered. That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the information called for by the resolution of this House, of the 4th inst. in relation to ships, engaged

in the slave trade, which have been seized and condemned; and of the disposition which has been made of the negroes, by the several state governments, under whose jurisdiction they have fallen; which was read, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill, supplementary to the several acts prohibiting the importation of slaves.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Pleasants reported, that the committee of the whole, had had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 22, 1819.

Mr. Comstock presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western part of the state of New York, stating that they wish to remove and settle in a body, in the state of Indiana, praying permission to purchase an entire township, of the lands of the United States, within said state.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that the purchasers of public lands within the said state, may be allowed an additional time to complete their payments.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of the Trustees of the Vincennes University, praying permission to sell the remaining part of the township of land, granted for the use of the said University, by the act of 26th March, 1804.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Tallmadge presented documents in support of the petition of Henry Rousa.

Mr. Austin presented a petition of John Crute, praying to be paid the amount of a final settlement certificate, issued for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary war, with the interest thereon, which said certificate was destroyed by fire, in the year 1786.

Ordered, That the said petition and documents be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Lykin's valley, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for an alteration in a post route.

The Speaker presented a petition of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the territory of Missouri, praying for the establishment of sundry post routes.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of St. Charles, in the territory of Missouri, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Austin presented a petition of Martha Flood, widow of William Flood, deceased, praying that certain duties erroneously laid and collected, on the distillery of the deceased, while he was engaged in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, may be refunded to her.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Marr,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Johnson and Michael Dickson, presented on the 7th of March, 1818, be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

The Speaker presented a petition of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the territory of Missouri, praying that such measures may be promptly adopted, as will give full and complete effect to the laws heretofore passed, granting pre-emption rights in the purchase of public lands, to certain inhabitants of said territory; which petition was ordered to lie on the table,

The Speaker also presented another petition of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the territory of Missouri, praying that an act may be passed, directing the Judge appointed in virtue of the act of the 27th of January, 1814, entitled "An act for the appointment of an additional Judge for the Missouri territory, and for other purposes," to exercise his judicial authority, and to hold courts in the new counties lately established, called Clarke, Pulas-ki and Hempstead.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill to enable the people of the territory of Missouri, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of Jacob Vance, praying compensation for a horse, lost in the public service, in the year 1813.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Joshua Stetson and Paul Perry; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson, from the same committee, to which was referred, the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and for the appointment of circuit Judges," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill of this House, reported at the last session, of the same title.



Ordered, That the committee on the Public Buildings be discharged from the further consideration of the letter of Benjamin H. Latrobe, late surveyor of the Public Buildings, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee upon the improvement in the organization and discipline of the militia, made a report; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for the disposal of those lands in the state of Indiana and Ohio, to which the Indian title has lately been extinguished.

On motion of Mr. Herrick,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the town of Coschocton, to the town of Wooster, in Ohio, by the way of Mechanicstown and Millersburgh

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a post road from Baskingridge, in the county of Somerset, by Liberty corner, to Doughty's mills, in the county of Morris, in the state of New Jersey, and from the city of New York, by the Richmond and Woodbridge turnpike roads, to New Brunswick, in the state of New Jersey.

On motion of Mr. Livermore,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Fryeburg, in the county of Oxford and commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Bartlett, in the county of Coos and state of New Hampshire.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Cahawba, to Fort Stephens, and from Cahawba, to the falls of the Black Warrior.

On motion of Mr. McLean, of Illinois,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting the right of pre-emption of their settlement, to those persons settled upon lands of the United States, in the state of Illinois.

On motion of Mr. Crawford,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route, from Fort Hawkins, through Clinton and Monticello, to the town of Madison, in the state of Georgia.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Postmaster General to contract, as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats, between New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and

Louisville, in the state of Kentucky;" was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pleasants reported that the committee of the whole, had had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

Ordered, That six hundred additional copies of the documents, accompanying the report of the committee appointed to inspect the books and examine into the proceedings of the Bank of the United States, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

And then the House adjourned.

### SATURDAY, January 23, 1819.

Mr. Cloggett presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Hillsborough, in the state of New Hampshire, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of John P. Cabanne, assignee of P. F. Devolsay; a petition of John P. Cabanne, assignee of Francis Coleman, and a petition of Daniel Clingsmith, Jacob Barks, Joseph Nisewonger, jr. Joseph Nisewonger, senr. Martin Thomas, James Bearing, and Valentine Lore, respectively praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker presented to the House, a letter addressed to him, signed by Elias B. Caldwell, Walter Jones and Francis S. Key, a committee of the American Colonization Society, accompanied with an account of the measures pursued by the society, for accomplishing the great object of its institution, and of the result of their inquiries and researches; as also, of documents showing the unlawful participation of the citizens of the United States, in the African slave trade; which letter and its accompanying documents, was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Mercer, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Campbell, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday, present to the President of the United States, an enrolled resolution for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals, and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics to be deposited in the Library.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post

**Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Clinton, in Anderson county, Tennessee, by Morgan Courthouse, to Burksville, in Kentucky.**

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

**Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing additional land offices, in the state of Indiana.**

Mr. Reed submitted the following preamble and resolution; which were read and ordered to lie on the table:

Whereas, a resolution was passed by the Congress of the United States, on the 14th day of October, 1780, in the following words, to wit: "Resolved, That a monument be erected to the memory of the late major general the Baron de Kalb, in the city of Annapolis, in the state of Maryland, with the following inscription, 'Sacred to the memory of the Baron de Kalb, knight of the royal order of military merit, brigadier of the armies of France and major general in the service of the United States of America, having served with honor and reputation for three years, he gave a last and glorious proof of his attachment to the liberties of mankind, and the cause of America; in the action near Camden, in the state of South Carolina, on the 16th of August, 1780, when leading on the troops of the Maryland and Delaware lines, against superior numbers, and animating by his example to deeds of valor, he was pierced with many wounds, and on the 19th following expired, in the 48th year of his age.' The Congress of the United States of America, in gratitude to his zeal, services and merit, have erected this monument."

**Resolved, Therefore, That the foregoing resolution be referred to a select committee, with instructions to report a bill now to carry the same into effect.**

A message, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did this day, approve and sign a resolution for the distribution of Seybert's Statistical Annals; and directing Pitkin's Commercial Statistics, to be deposited in the Library.

**Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.**

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish," with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendment was read and concurred in by the House.

**Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.**

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Terry reported that the committee of the whole had had the state of the Union under consideration and come to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 25, 1819.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Cheshire, in the state of New Hampshire, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Williams, of Connecticut, presented a petition of Phoebe Phelps, widow of Eleazer W. Phelps, deceased, late steward to the Military Academy at West Point, praying to be paid for the board of sundry cadets, which have left the said academy and are unable to discharge the demands against them.

The Speaker presented a petition of R. G. Edwards and John M. McCalla, praying compensation for the damages sustained in their own property and in the property of others, lying in the city of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, by erecting fortifications thereon, in the year 1814, and which yet remain on the said property.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Sarah Harford, late widow of William Ewing, deceased, praying compensation for the live stock and other property belonging to the deceased, while he acted as a revenue officer, at the foot of the rapids of the Miami of the lake, and which was destroyed by the hostile Indians, at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Tompkins presented a petition of Joseph Travis, praying compensation for a store house, destroyed by order of general McDougal, in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of D. S. Kennedy, Gulian Ludlow and Hector Scott, by William Radcliff, their attorney, praying to be paid the amount of certain certificates of debenture, issued on the exportation of certain merchandise to the port of New Orleans, while that place was in the possession of Spain.

Mr. Ogden presented a petition of Elisha Camp, in behalf of himself and associates, owners of the steam boat *Sophia*, engaged in the transportation of passengers and their baggage, between Sackett's harbor, and Kingston, in Upper Canada, praying an exemption from the trouble and expense of taking out a clearance, for every voyage of said boat.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Bloomfield presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Trenton, in the state of New Jersey, praying that the acts prohibiting the importation of slaves may be so amended, as that persons of color unlawfully introduced into the United States, may not be sold as slaves.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill supplementary to the several acts prohibiting the importation of slaves.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of John Baptiste Do; and a petition of Almond Cottle, Moore Burbanks, Samuel Bailey and David Bailey, respectively praying that their titles to lands, in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Richard Bland Lee; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the Select committee, appointed on the 27th of November last, to inquire whether it be expedient to make any amendment in the laws which regulate the coins of the United States and foreign coins, having been instructed also, to inquire into the expediency of fixing the standard of weights and measures, made a detailed report upon the latter subject; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jones, from the committee appointed on the petition of Phoebe Stuart, made a report; which was read; when,

Mr. Jones, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of the said Phoebe Stuart; which was read the first and second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of Robert M'Calla and Matthew H. Jouett; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Thomas M. Nelson, from the same committee, to which was recommitted the engrossed bill, entitled "An act regulating the payments to invalid pensioners," reported the same with an amendment, which being read;

Mr. Hugh Nelson moved to lay the bill and amendment on the table; which was rejected.

The said amendment was then agreed to, and the bill was ordered to be re-engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the cases of Joseph D. Hoyt and Timothy M'Ewen, communicated to this House at the last session through Richard Bland Lee, Commissioner of Claims.

On motion of Mr. M'Lane, of Delaware,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post

Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an allowance to the postmaster at Georgetown, in the state of Delaware, over and above the ordinary perquisites of his office.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pleasants reported that the committee of the whole had again had the state of the Union under consideration and come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Mercer submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War and of the Navy, be directed to lay before this House, a copy of the military orders, in virtue of which, the Negro fort within the territory of East Florida, was destroyed, in the month of July, 1816, together with the correspondence of colonel Clinch and commodore Patterson, in relation to that event, and any other information which may be in their possession in relation to the movement of the Indians, in the Seminole country.

The said resolution was read.

And then the House adjourned.

#### TUESDAY, January 26, 1819.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of Elias Bucl, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Rogers presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Northampton, Pike and Wayne, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of Henry Batman, praying that the Commissioner of the General Land Office, may be directed to issue a patent for the land purchased by him of the United States, the principal of the purchase money for which he has paid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1819; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee appointed on the 27th of November last, to inquire whether it be expedient to make any amendment in the laws, which relate to the coins of the United States and foreign coins, made a detailed report: which was read; when,

Mr. Lowndes reported a bill supplementary to the act establishing a mint; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes, from the same committee also reported a bill continuing the currency, for a limited time, of the crowns and five franc pieces of France; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole, last appointed.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819," with amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Resolved, That Joseph Lancaster, the friend of learning and of man, be admitted to a seat within the hall of of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road in the state of Indiana, from Jeffersonville, by the way of New Albany, Greenville, Fredericksburg, Paoli and Washington, to Vincennes.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Resolved, That the Senate of the United States, be requested to permit the attendance of the honorable David Daggett, and the honorable William Hunter, members of their body, before the committee of the House of Representatives, appointed to inquire into the official conduct of William P. Van Ness and Matthias B. Tallmadge, to be examined touching the subject of the said inquiry.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate the said resolution to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Greensburg, Kentucky, by Monroesville, in Barren county, to Glasgow.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

The House took up and proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday, and depending at the time of adjournment; and the same being read, was agreed to by the House.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act regulating the payment to invalid pensioners,

An act for the relief of Robert M. Calla and Matthew H. Jouett; and,

An act for the relief of Phoebe Stuart, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is com-

mitted the bill for the relief of Hannah Ring and Luther Frink, and the bill for the relief of Lewis Joseph Beaulieu, be discharged.

The House then took up and proceeded to consider the said bills and the first thereof being amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow; and the latter was ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee of the whole had again had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 27, 1819.



Mr. Rich presented a petition of Solomon Buel, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Job Bunker, a seaman on state establishment, in the revolutionary war, respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Porter presented documents in support of the petition of William Ray; which were referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819," reported their agreement thereto.

Ordered, That the said amendment be committed to a committee of the whole, to-day.

Mr. Marchand, from the Select committee, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Wells, made a report thereon; which was read; when,

Mr. Marchand, by leave of the House, reported a bill, supplementary to the act, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin Wells;" which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of John Wells.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit: "An act authorizing a distribution of a sum of money among the representatives of commodore Edward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren;" "An act for the relief of Sampson S. King;" "An act for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath;" and "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year



1819;" with amendments to the three latter. They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act further to extend the judicial system of the United States;" and "An act further to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law, relating to patents;" in which amendments and bills, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to extend the judicial system of the United States," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law relating to patents," was read the first and second time and also referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The amendment proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath," was read and referred to the committee of Claims.

The amendment proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sampson S. King," was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1819," were read and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Hannah Ring, and Luther Frink," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819," and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported their agreement to the same.

The said amendments were then again read and together with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Speed, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper; and,

An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson, reported that the

committee had again had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

**THURSDAY, January 28, 1819.**

Mr. Morton presented a petition of Holder Slocum, praying to be exonerated from his liability as the surety of a certain Giles Slocum, who has been indicted and convicted of obtaining and using a British license or pass in the late war, the said Giles having absconded beyond the limits of the United States, taking with him all his property, and the petitioner being very old and poor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sherwood presented a petition of Seth Weed, praying for an increase of his pension.

Mr. Savage presented a petition of Jeremiah Eldridge, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension, and that it may commence from the year 1796.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of the New York Chamber of Commerce, praying for the establishment of an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of Robert Nelson, a soldier and artificer in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Whiteside presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Lancaster, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that persons of color illegally introduced into the United States, may not be sold as slaves; which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill supplementary to the act prohibiting the importation of slaves.

Mr. Rhea presented a petition of Michael M'Evoy, a soldier in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, praying for a grant of his bounty land, which is now withheld, in consequence of the loss of his discharge, occasioned by confiding them to an agent, who undertook to procure the said grant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of sundry merchants of the town of Blakely, in the territory of Alabama, praying that the said town may be established as a port of entry and delivery.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Thomas Ford; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea. also made a report on the memorial of Cornelius Roosa; which was read; and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the memorialist *take nothing* by his memorial.

Mr. Herbert, from the Select committee, to whom was referred the Code of Jurisprudence, for the District of Columbia, prepared and transmitted to Congress, by William Cranch, Chief Justice of the said District, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the Code of Jurisprudence for the District of Columbia, prepared and transmitted to this House, by William Cranch, Chief Justice of the said District, be referred to the consideration of the Judges of the Circuit Court, and the Attorney for the said District, who are authorized and requested to examine the said Code and report to Congress at their next session, such amendments thereto, as to them may seem necessary.

Mr. Herbert, from the same committee, by leave of the House, also reported a bill for the benefit of William Cranch, Chief Justice of the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill extending the allowance of pensions to cadets; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate accord to this House, permission to the honorable David Daggett and the honorable William Hunter, to attend the committee appointed by this House, to inquire into the conduct of William P. Van Ness and Matthias B. Tallmadge and to be examined touching the subject of said inquiry. They have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit: "An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegany mountain;" and "An act to authorize the payment, in certain cases, on account of Treasury notes, which have been lost or destroyed;" with amendments to each, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegany mountain," were read; when,

Mr. McCoy, moved that the said bill and amendments be postponed indefinitely; which was rejected.

The said amendments were then concurred in by the House.

The amendment of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment, in certain cases, on account of Treasury

notes, which have been lost or destroyed;" was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

The House was cleared of all persons, except the Members, Clerk, Sergeant at Arms, and Doorkeeper, and the doors were closed; and after remaining so for some time, they were again opened.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Herbert reported that the committee of the whole had again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 29, 1819.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of William Frost, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed and paid the commutation of five years full pay, in lieu of the half pay for life, to which he was entitled for his services in the capacity aforesaid; as also, for a grant of the land due for his said services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Crafts presented a petition of John Powell, a soldier in the revolutionary war, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Columbia, in the state of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of John Montgomery, praying compensation for a boat and rigging, which was impressed into the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, and destroyed while in said service.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1819," reported their agreement thereto.

Ordered, That the said amendments be committed to a committee of the whole, to-day.

Mr. Hopkinson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of circuit courts of the United States, to cases aris-

ing under the law relating to patents," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. McCoy, from the committee of Claims, to which was referred the amendment, proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath," reported their agreement thereto.

The said amendment was then again read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of William Scott and others, heirs of William Scott, deceased; which was read; when,

Mr. Robertson reported a bill for the relief of William Scott, Gabriel Scott, Thomas Scott, and Elizabeth Bowles, of the state of Mississippi, heirs of William Scott, deceased; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, submitted the following resolutions; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

1. Resolved, That it is expedient to establish a military academy, on the western waters, upon the principles of the academy at West Point.

2. Resolved, That it is expedient to establish a school of practice, for the artillery, in the vicinity of the city of Washington.

Mr. Johnson, also submitted to the House a communication made to him as Chairman of the committee on Military Affairs, by the Secretary of War, in relation to the subjects embraced in the above resolutions; which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for the more convenient execution of the laws within the territory of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Austin,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Perkinsville in the county of Amelia and state of Virginia, by Jennings' ordinary, in Nottoway, by Miller's tavern, in Prince Edward, by Moore's ordinary, in the same county, by Key's tavern, in Charlotte county, to Charlotte courthouse, in the state aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Knott's island, in North Carolina, to Kempsville in Virginia, and from thence to Norfolk; and also, of discontinuing the post road from Currituck courthouse, in North Carolina, to Knott's island.

Mr. Lowndes submitted the following proposition or amendment, to the rules and orders of the House; which was read and ordered to lie on the table, viz:

"It shall be the duty of the committee of Ways and Means, in preparing bills of appropriation, not to include appropriations for carrying into effect treaties made by the United States, in a bill containing appropriations intended for other objects; and where an appropriation bill shall be referred to that committee for their consideration, containing appropriations for carrying a treaty into effect; and also, appropriations for other objects, it shall be the duty of the committee to propose such amendments as shall prevent appropriations for carrying a treaty into effect, from being included in the same bill which contains appropriations for other objects."

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1819;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Basset reported the agreement of the committee to the said amendments.

They were then again read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined Enrolled Bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act authorizing the distribution of a sum of money among the representatives of commodore Edward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren,

An act for the relief of Sampson S. King,

An act to authorize the payment in certain cases on account of Treasury notes, which have been lost or destroyed; and,

An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegany mountain; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when, The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act extending the allowance of pensions to cadets," was read the third time; and on the question, shall the said bill pass?

It was determined in the negative.

The Speaker laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of State, of the names of the Clerks, employed in his Department, in the year 1818, with the salary of each; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee of the whole had again had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 30, 1819.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of James Wilkinson, late a major general in the service of the United States, praying to be indemnified against the effects of a judgment for 2,500 dollars, recovered against him by general John Adair, in consequence of his having arrested the said Adair, in the city of New Orleans, in the year 1806, on a charge of his being concerned in the alleged conspiracy of Aaron Burr.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Trimble presented a petition of Mary Stoker, formerly the wife of Apollo Cooper, an officer in the revolutionary army, and who was killed in the battle of Brandywine, praying for a pension in consideration of the services and death of her said husband.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Delaware county, in the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented a petition of Uriah Barber, William Kendall, Henry Richart, and John Clingman, stating that owing to an error of the surveyor, in marking the corners, they have entered lands and completed the payments therefor, entirely different and distant from the tracts they intended to enter, and on which they are located and made valuable improvements, and praying permission to change their entries, or that the moneys paid by them may be refunded.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Arkansas country, in the territory of Missouri, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of the lands on which they reside, may be extended to them, as also to those settled on the lands lately purchased of the Quapau Indians.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Scott also presented another petition of sundry inhabitants of the Arkansas country, praying that a separate territorial government may be established for the said country and that commissioners may be appointed to fix a site for the seat thereof.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill to enable the people of the territory of Missouri, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of Jacob Miller, praying that his title to a tract of land in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill to increase the duties on certain manufactured articles imported into the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to increase the duties on cotton imported into the United States, and to prohibit the allowance of drawback on the exportation of gunpowder.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of Joseph H. Cunningham; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Hebron, through Andover and North Coventry and Tolland, in the state of Connecticut.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider the proposition submitted yesterday by Mr. Lowndes, to amend the rules and orders of the House; and the same being again read, was agreed to.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law relating to patents;" was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee of the whole had again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary; which is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 18th inst. requesting me to cause any information, not already communicated, to be laid before the House, whether Amelia Island, St. Marks and Pensacola, yet remain in the possession of the United States, and if so, by what laws the inhabitants are governed; whether articles imported therein, from foreign countries, are subject to any, and what duties, and by what laws, and whether the said duties are collected and how, whether vessels arriving in the United States, from Pensacola and Amelia Island, and in Pensacola and Amelia Island from the United States respectively, are considered and treated as vessels arriving from foreign countries, I transmit a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, and likewise one from the Secretary of War, which will afford all the information requested by the House of Representatives.

January 30, 1819.

JAMES MONROE.



The said message and documents were read and referred to the committee on Foreign Relations.

Another message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe; and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I transmit to the House of Representatives, in compliance with their resolution of the 4th of this month, a report from the Secretary of State, concerning the applications which have been made by any of the independent governments of South America, to have a minister or consul general accredited by the government of the United States, with the answers of this government to the applications addressed to it.

JAMES MONROE.

January 29, 1816.

The said message was read, and with the accompanying documents, ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the punishment of crimes committed by persons employed in the armies of the United States, without the limits thereof, and which are not provided for by existing laws.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 1, 1819.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of Joshua Yeomans, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered. That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of the First Baptist Church and Congregation in the city of Philadelphia, praying that such measures may be adopted as may appear best calculated to promote the welfare and effect the civilization of the Indians, and give them confidence in our government and institutions.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to authorize the President of the United States, to select such tribes of Indians as he may think best prepared for the change, and to adopt such means as he may judge expedient, in order to civilize the same.

Mr. William P. Maclay, presented a petition of Joseph Henderson, stating that his apprentice, George Dobson, left his service and enlisted in the army of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, without his knowledge or consent; that the said ap-

prentice died in the army, and has left no heirs to claim the bounty in land, and praying that the said land may be granted to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Benjamin Simmons; which was read the first time; when,

Opposition was made thereto by Mr. Rhea; and the question was stated; shall the said bill be rejected? On which,

Mr. Newton moved to lay it on the table; which was rejected.

And the question was then taken; shall the said bill be rejected?

And determined in the negative.

The bill was then read the second time and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the committee of Claims, on the petition of Samuel Hughes.

On motion of Mr. Ballard Smith,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Lewisburg, in Greenbrier, by the way of Nicholas courthouse, to Charleston, in Kanawa county.

Mr. Spencer, submitted the following resolution; which was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause all the public deposits in the Bank of the United States and its several offices of discount and deposit, to be withdrawn on the first day of July next; that after the said day, the bills or notes of the said corporation, shall no longer be receivable in any payments to the United States; and the Attorney General of the United States, shall, on that day, or as soon thereafter as may be, cause a scire facias, to be sued out in conformity to the provisions of the "Act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," calling upon the said corporation to show cause why its charter should not be declared forfeited; unless the said corporation shall, by a legal act to be delivered to and approved by the Attorney General, and to be by him transmitted to Congress, at the next session thereof, declare its assent to the following propositions, on or before the said first day of July next, viz:

1st. That Congress may by law provide such means as may be necessary to enforce the first fundamental article of the said charter, respecting the right of voting for directors, and particularly to provide that transfers of stock, shall always be made to the real owners thereof, or to some person or persons in trust for the owners, who shall always be named in such transfer; that stock shall always be deemed to belong to the person or persons in whose name it may stand, or for whose use it may be declared in the certificate to be held, and that no evidence whatever shall be received in any court to contradict or explain the certificates of ownership.

2d. That Congress may provide for the reduction of the capital stock of the bank, in a just and equal proportion by the stockholders thereof, when convened in a general meeting.

3d. That the power of removing any director for misconduct, may be vested in the President of the United States.

4th. That the bank may purchase, not exceeding five millions of dollars of the funded debt of the United States, and may hold the same without being subject to redemption, unless consented to by it, until the time or times specified in the certificates thereof.

5th. That no by-law of the corporation shall exclude the directors appointed by the government from a full knowledge of all the concerns of the bank, and of the accounts of every person dealing with it, and that the assent of at least one public director shall be necessary to allow any discount, and to render valid every act of the board of directors.

6th. That the provision in the second fundamental article, prohibiting any director from holding his office more than three years, out of four in succession, may be modified or repealed by Congress.

7th. No discount shall in any case be made by the bank at Philadelphia, or by any office, without the consent of at least four directors of the bank or of the office, as the case may be.

8th. Congress may authorize the bank to deal and trade in other things than those enumerated in the ninth fundamental article, so far as to receive pledges of its own stock and of the funded debt of the United States in security for loans, and to sell such pledges on a forfeiture thereof.

9th. That persons holding stock upon which any instalment shall have been paid by the proceeds of notes discounted, shall be compelled gradually, and as soon as circumstances will admit, to pay the full amount of such instalment in coin, or in coin and funded debt, according to the provisions of the charter, and no dividend of profits shall be allowed to such stock, until the said payment is completed.

10th. That the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be permitted at any time, either in person or by an agent, to be appointed by him to inspect all the books, papers, correspondence, minutes, and proceedings of the board of directors of the bank, and of all its offices, and of all the officers,

11th. That Congress may extend the time for the payment of the whole, or any part of the sum of 1,500,000 dollars, required to be paid by the 20th section of the charter.

12th. That a *scire facias* may be issued out of any circuit court, in the United States, in the cases stated in the charter; and whenever it shall be issued out of any court than the circuit court of Pennsylvania, sworn copies of the books and papers of the bank, shall be received as evidence instead of the originals.

The foregoing provisions, or any of them may, at any time, be enacted into a law or laws by Congress, and shall thereupon become a part of the charter of the bank.

On motion of Mr. Livermore,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House, procure one of the maps of the United States, edited by John Melish, to be deposited in the chamber of the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, for the use of said committee.

On motion of Mr. Marr,

Resolved. That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending an act, passed the 4th day of April, 1818,

entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize the state of Tennessee, to issue grants and perfect title, to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated lands within the same,'" passed the 18th of April, 1806; with leave to report by bill or otherwise; and,

Mr. Marr, Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, Mr. Jones, Mr. Settle, and Mr. Taylor, were appointed the said committee.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of William Jackson, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Oliver Herrick, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole; on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee of the whole had again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting sundry papers having relation to the subject of the resolution adopted by this House, on the 26th ult. respecting the destruction of the Negro Fort, in East Florida, in the month of July, 1816; which was ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

#### TUESDAY, February 2, 1819.

Ordered, That Mr. Miller have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Thursday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Strong presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Worcester and Middlesex, in Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of a post route,

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Benjamin Austin, late commissioner of loans in the state of Massachusetts, praying to be allowed some additional compensation for his extra services and personal responsibility; which were unavoidably and greatly increased in the year 1815.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of John Perry, praying compensation for a quantity of provisions and other property which was forcibly taken from him and wantonly destroyed by a mob, consisting of soldiers in the army of the United States, in the year 1864.

Mr. Spencer also presented a petition of Ebenezer C. Kingsley, a paymaster of a regiment of militia, in the state of New York, in the actual service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, praying that the proper officers may be directed to

audit and settle his accounts, which they refuse to do because the said regiment was not mustered out of service, by an officer of the army of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Ogle presented a petition of George Reynolds, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed and paid the commutation of the half pay, the depreciation of pay, and the bounty in land, to which he conceives himself entitled for his services in the capacity aforesaid; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Ogle, Mr. Boden, and Mr. Beecher, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Ballard Smith presented a petition of Patrick Boyd, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army, as also, for work done, and materials found in shoeing the horses of Lee's legion, in said army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. McLean, of Illinois, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Crawford county, in the state of Illinois, praying for the right of pre-emption, in the purchase of the lands on which they reside, and that the moneys which have been paid by some of them, for their lands, may be refunded.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Pleasants presented to the House, a letter to him as chairman of the committee on Naval Affairs, by the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a list of the names of such navy agents, not now in service, as have discharged the balances standing against them, on the books of the navy; which letter was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill for the relief of Robert Kid, of Philadelphia; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of James Orr.

Mr. Newton, from the same committee, also reported a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, to sell a lot of land at Bermuda Hundred, in the state of Virginia; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole; to which is committed the bill to authorize the sale of a part of the globe of Rock Creek Church, in the county of Washington and District of Columbia.

Mr. McCoy from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of John McCausland; which was read; when,

Mr. McCoy reported a bill for the relief of the said John McCausland, which was read the first and second time and commit-

ted to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of James Orr.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to extend the judicial system of the United States," reported the said bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of Circuit Judges."

On motion of Mr. Livermore,

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the Representatives and Delegates in Congress, eleven hundred and twenty copies of the President's message, of the 15th of December, 1818; and of the documents therewith transmitted, being the remainder of the documents referred to in the message of the 17th November, 1818, and containing the report of Theodorick Bland, on South America; and the correspondence between the Secretary of State and J. R. Poinsett; also, forty copies, to be presented to Theodorick Bland and forty to J. R. Poinsett.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Alexander Smyth reported, that the committee of the whole had again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

On motion of Mr. Rhea,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, do inquire into the expediency, of providing by law, for the payment of all pensions belonging to persons residing in East Tennessee, at the state bank of Knoxville.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a copy of the order from the War Department, in virtue of which, the Negro Fort within the territory of East Florida was destroyed, in July, 1816; and copies of letters from generals Jackson and Gaines, in relation to the destruction of said fort, which comprise all the information in the War Department, in relation to the subject of the resolution adopted, by this House, on the 26th instant; which letter was ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

**WEDNESDAY, February 3, 1819.**

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Hodgson, presented on the 27th of January, 1818, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Stephen Ormeby, praying compensation for the damage done to his wagon, team and harness, while in the possession of the troops of the United

States, commanded by general Hopkins, of Kentucky, in the year 1812.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of Ambrose Whitlock, late a district paymaster, in the service of the United States, stating that he was robbed, while in the discharge of his duty, of a considerable sum of public money, amounting to about 2,600 dollars, which said money he has accounted for to the United States, and praying that the same may be refunded to him.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of Lebbeus Callamore, praying compensation for his services as a lieutenant of volunteers, in the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Harrison presented another petition of Ambrose Whitlock, late district paymaster, in the service of the United States, praying to be allowed his pay and emoluments, during the whole time he was engaged in the settlement of his accounts at the seat of government, and in coming from and returning to his residence, in the state of Indiana; also, for compensation for fire-wood used in his office.

Mr. Harrison also presented a petition of Emanuel Chamberlin, praying for a grant of the bounty in land, to which he conceives himself entitled for his services for five years, as a soldier in the army of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of Manasseh Coyle, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Bayley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, in the state of Maryland, praying that the town of Whitehaven, in the said county, may be established as a port of entry.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means reported a bill providing additional penalties for false entries for the benefit of drawback or bounty on exportation; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of Ambrose Vasse; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of James Hughes; which was read; when,

Mr. Robertson, reported a bill for the relief of the said James

*Memorandum*, of the state of *Alabama*, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Michael McEvoy, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day, present to the President of the United States, enrolled bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Alleghany mountains;

An act for the relief of Sampson S. King,

An act authorizing the distribution of a sum of money among the representatives of commodore Edward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren,

An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish,

An act to authorize the payment in certain cases on account of Treasury notes lost or destroyed; and,

An act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary; which he delivered at the Speakers table, and withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee of the whole had again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Maryland,

The House was cleared of all persons, except the Members, Clerk, Sergeant at Arms, and Doorkeeper, and the doors were then closed; and after remaining so for some time,

The House adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, February 4, 1819.

The House met and was cleared of all persons except the Members, Clerk, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, and the doors were closed; and after remaining so for some time, they were again opened.

And then the House adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, February 5, 1819.

Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, presented a document in support of the petition of William Rice; which was referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of William Foster, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.



Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Mosely presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Middletown, in the state of Connecticut, praying that persons of color illegally introduced into the United States, may not be sold as slaves; which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill supplementary to the acts prohibiting the importation of slaves.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Richard Smyth, late collector of internal duties, in the territory of Michigan, praying to be relieved from the payment of a considerable sum of money, belonging to the United States, of which he was robbed, but not until after he had made repeated applications to the Treasury Department, to have the said money withdrawn from his possession.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Murray presented petitions from inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that provision may be made for opening a military road from Williamsport, in said state, to the Painted Post, in the state of New York.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Painesville, in the county of Geauga, and state of Ohio, stockholders and directors of the Grand River Harbor Company, praying for the aid and assistance of the government of the United States, in carrying into effect, the objects for which the said company have been incorporated.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Peter Prestler, on behalf of the heirs of John Conner, praying that the title of said heirs to a tract of land lying in the state of Mississippi, may be confirmed.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Francis Berthiaume, jr. praying that his title to a tract of land in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the villages of New Madrid and Little Prairie, in the territory of Missouri, praying that titles which said villages have in certain lands granted to them as commons, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill, supplementary to the acts providing for the adjustment of the claims to land in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of au-

thorizing the appointment of an agent, in each of the counties of the several states, to receive the tax due to the general government, on lands, which are or may be sold, for the nonpayment of the taxes, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved; That it is in their opinion, inexpedient to authorize the appointment of such agent.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, laid before the House, a letter addressed to him by the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements of the gross amount of duties upon merchandise and tonnage, which accrued during the two first quarters of the year 1817; and 1818.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill concerning invalid pensioners; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of James Price; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Elbert Herring.

Mr. Rhea, also reported a bill to authorize the Secretary of War, to appoint an additional agent, for paying pensioners of the United States, in the state of Tennessee; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed the 2d day of March, 1799.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of general James Wilkinson, and that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered; That that the Select committee, to whom is referred the petition of Sarah Easton and Dorothy Storer, be discharged, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

The Speaker, laid before the House, the annual report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from Joseph Lancaster, containing an expression of the gratitude, with which he is penetrated, for the honor conferred upon him, in admitting him to a seat within the Hall; which letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report of the

committee of Ways and Means, made at the last session, on the petition of Lawrence Muse; whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said report and petition be recommitted to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Cushman,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing post routes from Troy, in the state of New York, through Brunswick and Greenbush, to Sandlake, in said state; and from Cambridge, through Hoosick, Berlin and Stephentown, to Lebanon, in said state.

On motion of Mr. Garnett,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the privilege of franking to agricultural societies, which are or may hereafter be incorporated in any of the United States, through their presidents or secretaries, as may be most expedient; and of limiting the privilege to the correspondence of such societies, with each other.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit: "An act to regulate passenger ships and vessels;" "An act authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory, to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory;" and "An act to authorize the President and Managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company, of the state of Maryland, to extend and make a turnpike road, to or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through the said District to the line thereof;" with amendments to the two former. They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of James H. Clark;" "An act for adjusting the claims to land and establishing land offices, in the districts east of the island of New Orleans;" and "An act to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces;" also, "A resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States;" in which amendments, bills, and resolution, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate passenger ships and vessels," were read, and referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory, to the Congress of the United States, and extending the

election of a delegate from the Michigan territory, to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory," were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of James H. Clark," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of Claims.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for adjusting the claims to land and establishing land offices, in the district east of the island of New Orleans," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill of this House, continuing for a limited time the currency of the crowns and five franc pieces of France.

The resolution from the Senate, "proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act providing additional penalties for false entries, for the benefit of drawback or bounty on exportation," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported that the committee of the whole had again had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to no resolution thereon.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I communicate to Congress, copies of applications received from the minister of Great Britain, in behalf of certain British subjects, who have suffered in their property, by proceedings to which the United States, by their military and judicial officers, have been parties. These inquiries have been sustained under circumstances which appear to recommend strongly, to the attention of Congress, the claim to indemnity for the losses occasioned by them, which the legislative authority is alone competent to provide.

*Washington, 3d February, 1819.*

JAMES MONROE.

The said message was read, and, together with the documents accompanying the same, referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of moneys, transferred during the recess of Congress, from one branch of expenditure, to another branch of expenditure, in the same department; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Daniel Renner, and Nathaniel H. Heath.

An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1849; and,

An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1849; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

#### SATURDAY, February 6, 1849.

Ordered, That Mr. Butler of New Hampshire, have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of John Silsbee, praying for an increase of his pension, and that such increase may commence from the date of the original pension.

Mr. Ogden presented a petition of Abraham Commissary, an Onondago Indian, son and only child of an Onondago warrior, who was killed in the battle of Chippewa, in the late war with Great Britain, while fighting on the side of the United States, stating that he has embraced the christian religion, and is desirous of qualifying himself for the ministry of the gospel, and as he has no means of support, he prays that provision may be made for his maintenance and education for five years.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Charles Townsend and Jonas Williams, praying compensation for services rendered by them as commissioners to take testimony in relation to claims for compensation for property lost and destroyed during the late war with Great Britain, and belonging to the inhabitants of the Niagara frontier.

Mr. Spencer also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Niagara frontier, on behalf of the said Townsend and Williams.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Bloomfield presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Burlington, in the state of New Jersey, praying that persons of color who may be illegally introduced into the United States, may not be sold as slaves.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill supplementary to the several acts prohibiting the importation of slaves.

Mr. Rogers presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Northampton, Pike and Wayne, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Buncomb, in the state of North Carolina, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Arkansas, in the territory of Missouri, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Trimble presented sundry documents in support of the claim of Henry Brother, for property destroyed by the American and British troops on the Niagara frontier, in the late war; which were referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that measures may be adopted to recal the Indians from a savage life, and to induce to adopt a state of civilization.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to authorize the President of the United States, to select such tribes of Indians, as he may think best prepared for the change, and to adopt such measures, as he may judge expedient in order to civilize them.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report on the petitions of Sarah Sheppard, Phoebe Champe and Lois Haskell, widows, of deceased officers of the revolutionary army; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant pensions to widows of deceased revolutionary officers, who were not killed in battle.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the seat of justice, in Franklin county, to the seat of justice in Montgomery county; also, from St. Louis, by Belle Fontaine and Portage-dessioux, to the seat of justice of the county of Lincoln; also, from St. Michael, in Madison county, to the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, thence to Hix's ferry on the road to Laurence courthouse, and from Jackson, in Cape Girardeau county, to the seat of justice in the county of Wayne.

On motion of Mr. Robert Moore,

Resolved, That the committee on Roads and Canals, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to subscribe \_\_\_\_\_ shares, in the stock of the road laid out from the city of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegany, to Waterford, in the county of Erie, in the state of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Halifax, in Dauphin county, along the east side of the Susquehanna river, to Sunbury, in Northumberland county and state of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That Ezra Dunham, have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have postponed until the fourth day of March next, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the corporation of the City of Washington, to open and extend certain streets in said city, through a public reservation;" and until the fifth day of the same month, the bill, entitled "An act respecting invalids." They have passed the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks, in the Civil Department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia," with amendments. They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act to provide relief for sick and disabled seamen;" and "An act authorizing a subscription for the eleventh and twelfth volumes of State Papers," in which amendments and bills, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks, in the Civil Department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia," were read and referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide relief for sick and disabled seamen;" was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription for the eleventh and twelfth volumes of State Papers," was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of War to appoint an additional agent for paying pensioners of the United States, in the state of Tennessee," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Two messages, in writing, were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary,

which he delivered in at the Speakers table: and then withdrew. The first of the said messages was read, and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I transmit to Congress, a copy of a letter from governor Bibb, to major general Jackson, connected with the late military operations in Florida. This letter has been mislaid, or it would have been communicated with the other documents, at the commencement of the session.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, February 6th, 1819.*

Ordered, That the said message and letter, lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee of the whole had again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 8, 1819.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of Abner Curtis, praying compensation for his vessel. which was captured by a British ship, in the late war, while employed in transporting naval stores for the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. McLane, of Delaware, presented a petition of the Delaware "*Society for the Promotion of Domestic Manufactures*," praying that further measures may be adopted for the protection and encouragement of the various manufacturing establishments within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Harrison, presented a petition of John Whipple, praying compensation for his houses and other property, which was destroyed by the British forces, in the late war, in consequence of having been in the occupation of the troops of the United States.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented a petition of William B. Ligon, praying compensation for his schooner, called the *Celeste*, which was lost while in the public service, transporting provisions and military stores from New Orleans to Fort Scott, in the year 1818.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill in addition to, and in alteration of, an act,



entitled "An act laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries," which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed the 2d day of March, 1799.

The Speaker laid before the House, a memorial of William Jones, late President of the Bank of the United States, containing an exposition of the views and motives which have regulated his official conduct, and submitting his case to the wisdom and justice of Congress, in the full confidence that his reputation will not be subjected to obloquy, by inferences alike repugnant to his principles and to the whole tenor of his private and public life; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Marr, from the Select committee, appointed on the 1st inst. on the subject, reported a bill, to amend the act, entitled "An act, supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to authorize the state of Tennessee, to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated land within the same,' passed the 18th of April 1806;" which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The message received on Saturday last, from the President of the United States, was read, and is as follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

I transmit to Congress, for their consideration, applications which have been received from the Minister resident of Prussia, and from the Senates of the Free and Hanseatic cities of Hamburg and Bremen, the object of which is, that the advantages secured by the act of Congress, of 20th of April last, to the vessels and merchandise of the Netherlands, should be extended to those of Prussia, Hamburg and Bremen. It will appear from these documents, that the vessels of the United States, and the merchandise laden in them, are, in the ports of those governments, respectively, entitled to the same advantages, in respect to imposts and duties as those of the native subjects of the countries themselves. The principle of reciprocity appears to entitle them to the return of the same favor on the part of the United States, and I recommend it to Congress, that provision to that effect may be made.

JAMES MONROE.

6th of February, 1819.

Ordered, That the said message and documents be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Richards,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a

post road from Jamaica, in the county of Windham, through Winhall, to Manchester, in the county of Bennington, in the state of Vermont.

On motion of Mr. Marchand,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road in Pennsylvania, from Greensburg, in Westmoreland county, by the way of Salem cross roads, Crawford's Mills, Freeport, Kittanning, in Armstrong county, Woodward's Mills, Indiana, in Indiana county, Conemaugh, at the Salt Works, and New Alexandria, thence again to Greensburg.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting sundry documents, containing the information, (as far as it can now be furnished) required by the resolution of the 16th ult. in relation to the tracts of lands reserved for the establishment of towns in the Alabama territory; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported their disagreement to the resolution submitted by the committee on Military Affairs, in their report on so much of the President's message, as relates to the conduct of the war against the Seminole Indians, and to the trial and execution of Alexander Arbuthnott and Robert C. Armbrister; which said resolution is in the following words:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the United States, disapproves the proceeding in the trial and execution of Alexander Arbuthnott and Robert C. Armbrister.

The question was then stated, to concur with the committee of the whole, in the disagreement of the said resolution; when,

A motion was made by Mr. Spencer, that the further consideration of the said report and resolution be postponed indefinitely.

And debate arising on the said motion.

The *previous question* was called for by Mr. Poindexter, and being demanded by a majority of the members present, it was taken in the form prescribed by the rules and orders of the House, to wit:

*Shall the main question be now put?*

And passed in the affirmative.

A division of the said main question was then called for, and the question was taken on concurring with the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union, in their disagreement to so much of the said resolution, as is embraced in the following words:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the United States, disapproves the proceedings in the trial and execution of Alexander Arbuthnot.

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....108,  
Nays..... 62.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

|                        |                      |                        |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Mr. Abbot,             | Mr. Hogg,            | Mr. Porter,            |
| Anderson, <i>Penn.</i> | Holmes,              | Quarles,               |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i>  | Hopkinson,           | Rhea,                  |
| Baldwin,               | Hostetter,           | Rich,                  |
| Barbour, <i>Va.</i>    | Hubbard,             | Richards,              |
| Barber, <i>Ohio,</i>   | Hunter,              | Ringgold,              |
| Bassett,               | Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Rogers,                |
| Bateman,               | Jones,               | Sampson,               |
| Bennett,               | Kinsey,              | Savage,                |
| Blount,                | Kirtland,            | Sawyer,                |
| Boden,                 | Lawyer,              | Scudder,               |
| Bryan,                 | Linn,                | Sergeant,              |
| Burwell,               | Little,              | Settle,                |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>    | Livermore,           | Seybert,               |
| Campbell,              | M'Lane, <i>Del.</i>  | Shaw,                  |
| Claggett,              | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>  | Silsbee,               |
| Comstock,              | M'Coy,               | Simkins,               |
| Crafts,                | Marchand,            | S. Smith,              |
| Cruger,                | Marr,                | Bal. Smith,            |
| Davidson,              | Mason, <i>Mass.</i>  | Alex. Smyth,           |
| Desha,                 | Merrill,             | Southard,              |
| Drake,                 | Middleton,           | Spencer,               |
| Ellicott,              | Robert Moore,        | Strother,              |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>    | Saml. Moore,         | Tarr,                  |
| Floyd,                 | Morton,              | Taylor,                |
| Folger,                | Murray,              | Tompkins,              |
| Gage,                  | H. Nelson,           | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>   |
| Garnett,               | New,                 | Upham,                 |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>      | Newton,              | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>   |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>     | Orr,                 | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>    |
| Harrison,              | Owen,                | Wallace,               |
| Hasbrouck,             | Palmer,              | Wendover,              |
| Herkimer,              | Parrott,             | Whiteside,             |
| Herrick,               | Patterson,           | Wilkin,                |
| Hiester,               | Peter,               | Williams, <i>N. Y.</i> |
| Hitchcock,             | Poindexter,          | Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> 108 |

Those who voted in the negative, are

|                    |              |                      |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Mr. Adams,         | Mr. Colston, | Mr. Hale,            |
| Allen, <i>Mas.</i> | Cook,        | Hendricks,           |
| Austin,            | Crawford,    | Herbert,             |
| Ball,              | Calbreth,    | Huntington,          |
| Bayley,            | Cushman,     | Irving, <i>N. Y.</i> |
| Beecher,           | Edwards,     | Johnson, <i>Vir.</i> |
| Bloomfield,        | Fuller,      | Lewis,               |
| Cobb,              | Gilbert,     | Lincoln,             |

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| Mr. Lowndes,        | Mr. Pitkin,           | Mr. Strong,             |
| W. Maclay,          | Pleasant,             | Stuart, <i>Id.</i>      |
| W. P. Maclay,       | Reed,                 | Terrell,                |
| Mason, <i>R. I.</i> | Rice,                 | Terry,                  |
| Mercer,             | Robertson,            | Trimble,                |
| Mills,              | Ruggles,              | Tucker, <i>Vir.</i>     |
| Mosley,             | Schuyler,             | Tyler,                  |
| Jer. Nelson,        | Sherwood,             | Westerlo,               |
| T. M. Nelson,       | Slocumb,              | Whitman,                |
| Ogden,              | J. S. Smith,          | Williams, <i>Conn.</i>  |
| Pawling,            | Speed,                | Williams, <i>N. C.</i>  |
| Pegram,             | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i> | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i> 62 |
| Pindall,            | Storrs,               |                         |

The question was then taken, on concurring with the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union, in their disagreement to the residue of the said resolution, to wit: so much thereof as relates to the trial and execution of Robert C. Armbrister;

And also passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....107  
Nays.....63

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

|                       |                      |                     |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Abbot,            | Mr. Garnett,         | Mr. McCoy,          |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Hall, <i>Del.</i>    | Marchand,           |
| Baldwin,              | Hall, <i>N. C.</i>   | Marr,               |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i>  | Hasbrouck,           | Mason, <i>Mass.</i> |
| Barber, <i>Ohio.</i>  | Herkimer,            | Merrill,            |
| Bassett,              | Herrick,             | Middleton,          |
| Bateman,              | Hiester,             | Robert Moore,       |
| Bennett,              | Hitchcock,           | Samuel Moore,       |
| Blount,               | Hogg,                | Morton,             |
| Boden,                | Holmes,              | H. Nelson,          |
| Bryan,                | Hopkinson,           | Nesbitt,            |
| Burwell,              | Hostetter,           | New,                |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>   | Hubbard,             | Newton,             |
| Campbell,             | Hunter,              | Ogden,              |
| Clagett,              | Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Orr,                |
| Comstock,             | Jones,               | Owen,               |
| Crafts,               | Kinsey,              | Palmer,             |
| Cruger,               | Kirtland,            | Parrott,            |
| Davidson,             | Lawyer,              | Patterson,          |
| Desha,                | Linn,                | Peter,              |
| Drake,                | Little,              | Poindexter,         |
| Ellicott,             | Livermore,           | Porter,             |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>   | Lowndes,             | Quarles,            |
| Floyd,                | McLane, <i>Del.</i>  | Rhea,               |
| Folger,               | McLean, <i>Ill.</i>  | Rich,               |

Mr. Richards,  
Ringgold,  
Rogers,  
Sampson,  
Savage,  
Sawyer,  
Scudder,  
Sergeant,  
Settle,  
Seybert,  
Shaw,

Mr. Silsbee,  
Simkins,  
S. Smith,  
Bal. Smith,  
Alex. Smyth,  
Southard,  
Spencer,  
Strother,  
Tarr,  
Taylor,  
Tompkins,

Mr. Tucker, S. C.  
Upham,  
Walker, N. C.  
Walker, Ken.  
Wallace,  
Wendover,  
Whiteside,  
Wilkin,  
Williams, N. F.  
Wilson, Penn. 107

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,  
Allen, *Mass.*  
Austin,  
Ball,  
Bayley,  
Beecher,  
Bloomfield,  
Cobb,  
Colston,  
Cook,  
Crawford,  
Culbreth,  
Cushman,  
Edwards,  
Fuller,  
Gage,  
Gilbert,  
Hale,  
Harrison,  
Hendricks,  
Herbert,

Mr. Huntington,  
Irving, N. F.  
Johnson, Va.  
Lewis,  
Lincoln,  
W. Maclay,  
W. P. Maclay,  
Mason, R. I.  
Mercer,  
Mills,  
Moseley,  
Murray,  
Jer. Nelson,  
T. M. Nelson,  
Pawling,  
Pegram,  
Pindall,  
Pitkin,  
Pleasants,  
Reed,  
Rice,

Mr. Robertson;  
Ruggles,  
Schuyler,  
Sherwood,  
Slocumb,  
J. S. Smith,  
Speed,  
Stewart, N. C.  
Storrs,  
Strong,  
Stuart, Md.  
Terrell,  
Terry,  
Trimble,  
Tucker, Va.  
Tyler,  
Westerlo,  
Whitman,  
Williams, Con.  
Williams, N. C.  
Wilson, Mass. 63

Mr. Cobb then submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the late seizure of the Spanish posts of Pensacola and San Carlos de Barancas, in West Florida, by the army of the United States, was contrary to the constitution of the United States.

The said resolution was read; when,

Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, moved that the same be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....83,  
Nays..... 87.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. Baldwin,         | Mr. Holmes,                      | Mr. Porter,               |
| Barbour, <i>Va.</i>  | Hostetter,                       | Quarles,                  |
| Barber, <i>Ohio.</i> | Hunter,                          | Rice,                     |
| Bassett,             | Kinsey,                          | Richards,                 |
| Bateman,             | Kirtland,                        | Ringgold,                 |
| Bennett,             | Lawyer,                          | Rogers,                   |
| Boden,               | Linn,                            | Sampson,                  |
| Bryan,               | Little,                          | Savage,                   |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>  | Livermore,                       | Scudder,                  |
| Campbell,            | M <sup>c</sup> Lane, <i>Del.</i> | Sergeant,                 |
| Clagett,             | M <sup>c</sup> Lean, <i>Ill.</i> | Settle,                   |
| Crafts,              | M <sup>c</sup> Coy,              | Seybert,                  |
| Cruger,              | Marchand,                        | Shaw,                     |
| Davidson,            | Marr,                            | S. Smith,                 |
| Desha,               | Merrill,                         | Del. Smith,               |
| Drake,               | Middleton,                       | Alex. Smyth,              |
| Floyd,               | Saml. Moore,                     | Strother,                 |
| Folger,              | Morton,                          | Tarr,                     |
| Gage,                | Moseley,                         | Tompkins,                 |
| Garnett,             | Nesbitt,                         | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>      |
| Hale,                | New,                             | Upham,                    |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>    | Newton,                          | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>       |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>   | Ogden,                           | Wallace,                  |
| Hasbrouck,           | Ogle,                            | Wendover,                 |
| Hendricks,           | Orr,                             | Whiteside,                |
| Herrick,             | Owen,                            | Wilkin,                   |
| Hiester,             | Patterson,                       | Williams, <i>N. Y.</i> 83 |
| Hitchcock,           | Poindexter,                      |                           |

Those who voted in the negative, are

|                       |                      |                     |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Abbot,            | Mr. Ellicott,        | Mr. W. P. Maclay,   |
| Adams,                | Ervine, <i>S. C.</i> | Mason, <i>Mas.</i>  |
| Allen,                | Fuller,              | Mason, <i>R. I.</i> |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Gilbert,             | Mercer,             |
| Austin,               | Harrison,            | Mills,              |
| Ball,                 | Herbert,             | Rob. Moore,         |
| Bayley,               | Herkimer,            | Moseley,            |
| Beecher,              | Hogg,                | Jer. Nelson,        |
| Bloomfield,           | Hopkinson,           | H. Nelson,          |
| Blount,               | Hubbard,             | T. M. Nelson,       |
| Barwell,              | Huntington,          | Palmer,             |
| Cobb,                 | Irving, <i>N. Y.</i> | Parrott,            |
| Colston,              | Johnson, <i>Va.</i>  | Pawling,            |
| Comstock,             | Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Pegram,             |
| Cook,                 | Jones,               | Peter,              |
| Crawford,             | Lewis,               | Pindall,            |
| Culbreth,             | Lincoln,             | Pitkin,             |
| Cushman,              | Lowndes,             | Pleasants,          |
| Edwards,              | W. Maclay,           | Reed,               |

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| Mr. Rhea,    | Mr. Southard,         | Mr. Trimble,            |
| Rice,        | Speed,                | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>      |
| Robertson,   | Spencer,              | Tyler,                  |
| Ruggles,     | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i> | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>    |
| Schuyler,    | Storrs,               | Westerlo,               |
| Sherwood,    | Strong,               | Whitman.                |
| Silsbee,     | Stuart, <i>Md.</i>    | Williams, <i>Con.</i>   |
| Simkins,     | Taylor,               | Williams, <i>N. C.</i>  |
| Slocumb,     | Terrell,              | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i>    |
| J. S. Smith, | Terry,                | Williams, <i>Pa.</i> 87 |

The question was then taken, will the House agree to the said resolution?

And determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 70.  
Nays..... 100.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Mr. Abbot,           | Mr. Johnson, <i>Vir.</i> | Mr. Schuyler,          |
| Adams,               | Lewis,                   | Sherwood,              |
| Allen,               | Lincoln,                 | Silsbee,               |
| Austin,              | Lowndes,                 | Simkins,               |
| Ball,                | W. Maclay,               | Slocumb,               |
| Bayley,              | W. P. Maclay.            | J. S. Smith,           |
| Beecher,             | Mason, <i>R. I.</i>      | Speed,                 |
| Bloomfield,          | Mercer,                  | Spencer,               |
| Burwell,             | Mills,                   | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>  |
| Cobb,                | Robert Moore,            | Storrs,                |
| Colston,             | Moseley,                 | Strong,                |
| Cook,                | Jer. Nelson,             | Stewart, <i>Md.</i>    |
| Crawford,            | T. M. Nelson,            | Terrell,               |
| Calbreth,            | Ogden,                   | Terry,                 |
| Cushman,             | Pawling,                 | Trimble,               |
| Edwards,             | Pegram,                  | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>     |
| Ellicott,            | Pindall,                 | Tyler,                 |
| Fuller,              | Pitkin,                  | Westerlo,              |
| Gilbert,             | Pleasants,               | Whitman,               |
| Harrison,            | Reed,                    | Williams, <i>Con.</i>  |
| Herbert,             | Rice,                    | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> |
| Hepkinson,           | Robertson,               | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i>   |
| Huntington,          | Ruggles,                 | Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> 70  |
| Irving, <i>N. Y.</i> |                          |                        |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Mr. Bateman, | Mr. Butler, <i>Lou.</i> |
| Baldwin,                  | Bennett,     | Campbell,               |
| Barbour, <i>Va.</i>       | Blount,      | Claggett,               |
| Barber, <i>Ohio,</i>      | Boden,       | Comstock,               |
| Bassett,                  | Bryan,       | Crafts,                 |

Mr. Cruger,  
 Davidson,  
 Desha,  
 Drake,  
 Ervin, *S. C.*  
 Floyd,  
 Folger,  
 Gage,  
 Garnett,  
 Hale,  
 Hall, *Del.*  
 Hall, *N. C.*  
 Hasbrouck,  
 Hendricks,  
 Herkimer,  
 Herrick,  
 Hiester,  
 Hitchcock,  
 Hogg,  
 Holmes,  
 Hostetter,  
 Hubbard,  
 Hunter,  
 Johnson, *Ken.*  
 Jones,  
 Kinsey,  
 Kirtland,  
 Lawyer,  
 Linn,

Mr. Little,  
 Livermore,  
 M'Lane, *Del.*  
 M'Lean, *Ill.*  
 M'Coy,  
 Marchand,  
 Marr,  
 Mason, *Mass.*  
 Merrill,  
 Middleton,  
 Saml. Moore,  
 Morton,  
 Murray,  
 H. Nelson,  
 Nesbitt,  
 New,  
 Newton,  
 Ogle,  
 Orr,  
 Owen,  
 Palmer,  
 Parrott,  
 Patterson,  
 Peter,  
 Poindexter,  
 Porter,  
 Quarles,  
 Rhea,

Mr. Rich,  
 Richards,  
 Ringgold,  
 Rogers,  
 Sampson,  
 Savage,  
 Scudder,  
 Sergeant,  
 Settle,  
 Seybert,  
 Shaw,  
 S. Smith,  
 Bal. Smith,  
 Alex. Smyth,  
 Southard,  
 Strother,  
 Tarr,  
 Taylor,  
 Tompkins,  
 Tucker, *S. C.*  
 Upham,  
 Walker, *N. C.*  
 Walker, *Ken.*  
 Wallace,  
 Wendover,  
 Whiteside,  
 Wilkin,  
 Williams, *N. F.* 100

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting the information required by the resolution of 20th of April last, requiring him to report to Congress, at their next (present) session, "what further improvement it may be practicable to make in the tariff of duties upon imported goods, wares and merchandise, by charging specific duties upon articles which are now charged with duties *advalorem*;" which letter was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to authorize the President and Managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Company, of the state of Maryland, to extend and make a turnpike road to or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through the said District, to the line thereof; and,

An act to authorize the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory, to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory; and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,



The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 9, 1819.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry manufacturers and venders of American manufactured paper, praying that paper imported into the United States, may be charged with a specific instead of an advalorem duty.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Henry Probasco, praying to be released from his liability as the surety in a bond given by a certain John C. Jones, to secure the payment of duties imported by said Jones, into the port of Philadelphia, in the year 1806.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, also presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of Boston and its vicinity, stockholders in the Bank of the United States, upon the subject of the concerns of the said bank; which memorial was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Terry presented a printed copy of a "report of the committee of the Connecticut Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons, made the 1st June 1817;" which was referred to the Select committee appointed on the memorial of the President and Directors of the said Asylum.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Abraham Forbes, who states that at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain, he was residing in Canada, and was possessed of a considerable real and personal property, all of which he abandoned and returned to the United States, and that he served through the said war, in various capacities, in the army of the United States, for which he has not been compensated; that the property of which he was possessed in Canada, has been confiscated, and that he is now entirely destitute of a support for himself and family, and praying such relief in the premises, as Congress may think just and reasonable.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Bloomfield presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the state of New Jersey, praying that persons illegally imported into the United States, may not be sold as slaves; which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill supplementary to the several acts prohibiting the importation of slaves.

Mr. Herbert presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of Potomac, in Alexandria, praying for an extension of their charter, for such length of time as Congress may deem proper.

Mr. Herbert, also presented a memorial of the President and Directors of the Columbian Institute, praying that the President of

the United States, may be authorized to invest the said Institute with as much of the public reservations within the City of Washington, not exceeding five acres, as by him shall be deemed proper, for the purpose of erecting thereon, a hall and other buildings and improvements, necessary for their accommodation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Herbert, also presented a petition of Alexander Moore, register of wills, for the county of Alexandria, and of James H. Blake, register of wills, for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia; praying for the increase of their fees of office; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Simkins presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of South Carolina, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Michigan and late soldiers in the army of the United States, praying to be permitted to surrender the patents for lands, lying within the state of Illinois, granted to them for their services as soldiers aforesaid, and that patents may be granted to them for lands lying within the territory of Michigan; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of Bartlett Still; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to authorize the Secretary of War, to convey a lot or parcel of land belonging to the United States, lying in Jefferson county, in the state of Virginia; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of Isaac Minis, and others; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a statement of the names of the Clerks employed in his Department, in the year 1818, with the salary paid to each; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Nathan W. Curtis, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

On motion of Mr. Hugh Nelson,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for vesting in the President of the United States, a power to demand from the Executives of the

respective States, fugitives, who having committed offences against society, within the District of Columbia, or other territory, subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, may have sought an asylum in any of the states of this Union; as also, power and authority to comply with the demand made by any of the Executives of the United States, for the delivery of fugitives, who, having committed offences against the laws of such state, may have sought an asylum in the said District of Columbia, or in any other territory over which the jurisdiction of the United States may extend.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of placing on the pension list, doctor Nathaniel Willson, and Doroshea Hopkins widow of the late colonel Caleb Hopkins.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker;" and "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia," with amendments to the latter. They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Samuel Ward;" "An act, supplementary to the act, entitled an act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington;" "An act for the relief of John B. Timberlake;" and "An act for the relief of John A. Dix;" in which amendments and bills, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

The House took up and proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 11th of December, 1818, instructing the committee on Military Affairs, to inquire into the expediency of reducing the army; and the said resolution being read, was agreed to by the House.

Mr. Johnson, of Virginia, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill to repeal the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Subscribers to the Bank of the United States;" Approved April 10th, 1816.

The said resolution was read, and committed to the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Spencer, on the 1st inst. and the resolution submitted by Mr. Trimble, on the 19th ultimo, both in relation to the Bank of the United States; and the said resolutions being read, were severally committed to the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union.

The amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia," were read and referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for the relief of Samuel Ward,
2. An act supplementary to the act, entitled an act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington,
3. An act for the relief of John Clark,
4. An act for the relief of John A. Dix; and,
5. An act for the relief of John B. Timberlake, were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the first to the committee of Claims; the second to the committee for the District of Columbia; the third to the committee on the Public Lands; the fourth to the committee on Military Affairs; and the fifth to the committee on Naval Affairs.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act, entitled an act to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles, to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated land within the same,' passed the 18th of April, 1806," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1819; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker, resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, February 10, 1819.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Concord, Rockingham, Loudon, Pittsfield and Gilmanton, in the state of New Hampshire.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Fair Haven, in the state of Massachusetts.

Mr. Savage presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Vergennes, and its vicinity, in the state of Vermont, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of Elijah Cook, master and commander of the late private armed boat *Mudison*, on behalf of himself and the crew of said boat, stating that during the late war with Great Britain, he captured a boat with a quantity of British merchandise on board, which he brought into port and delivered over to the collector, to be proceeded against according to law; that the

said merchandise was condemned and sold, and one half of the proceeds thereof paid into the Treasury of the United States, and the other half equally divided between the collector and himself and crew, and praying to be allowed an additional portion of said proceeds.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of Edmund P. Kennedy, master and commander in the navy of the United States, praying that the accounting officers, may be directed to settle his accounts upon just and equitable principles, having lost all his vouchers, by the wreck of the vessel in which they were deposited, to be transported from New York, to Baltimore.

Mr. Newton, also presented a similar petition from George M. Brooke, a lieutenant colonel in the army of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that provision may be made for opening and constructing a military road from Williamsport, in Pennsylvania, to the Painted Post, in the state of New York; which petitions were referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of Lewis Cass, governor, and Augustus B. Woodward and James Witherall, judges, of the territory of Michigan, praying that an appropriation of money may be made, for the printing and distribution of the laws of said territory.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Beecher, also presented a petition of John Stump, stating that upon a re-survey of a tract of land, lately purchased of the United States, it is found to contain 104 acres less than the quantity specified in the plat of the original survey, and praying to be relieved from the payment of the said 104 acres.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on the petition of George Tiffany; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Herbert, from the same committee to which were referred the amendments proposed by the Senate, to bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit: "An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks, in the Civil Department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia;" and "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia," re-

ported their agreement thereto. The said amendments were then severally read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Livermore, from the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill to alter and establish certain post roads; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Holmes submitted a joint resolution, to authorize the transmission of the documents accompanying the report of the committee to examine into the proceedings of the Bank of the United States, free of postage; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to day.

The said resolution being engrossed, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Hubbard submitted the following resolution, accompanied with documents:

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Isaac Stebbins on the roll of invalid pensioners.

The said resolution was read and referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill concerning invalid pensioners.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill for the relief of Joseph Wheaton, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Walter Brabrook and Rebecca Hodgson, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Henry House.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government," be discharged, and that it be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1819.

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Canals be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Pindall, on the 24th December last, instructing them to inquire into the expediency of completing the road from Cumberland, to Wheeling, and that the said resolution lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have considered the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment of a sum of money, to the officers and crews of gun boats No. 149 and 154," and have resolved, that

the same do not pass. They have postponed until the 5th day of March next, the bill, entitled "An act to extend for a further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers, who died or were killed in the late war." They have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act providing for a grant of land, for the seat of government in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state;" "An act confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit; in their claim to a tract of land;" and "An act authorizing the President of the United States, to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the 3d of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors, or other Indians of the Creek nation;" in which bills, they ask the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making appropriations for the navy of the United States, for the year 1819,

An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819; and,

An act for the relief of Daniel Renner, and Nathaniel H. Heath.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the Fourth Auditor, of the balances on his books, which have been due more than three years prior to the 30th September last, or have remained unsettled on that day; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements of importations in American, and foreign vessels, and an aggregate view of both, for the year ending on the 30th September, 1817; which letter was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act providing for a grant of land, for the seat of government in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state,

2. An act authorizing the President of the United States, to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the 3d of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors, or other Indians of the Creek nation,

3. An act confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit, in their claim to a tract of land, were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the first and second to the committee on the Public Lands, and the third to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to, wit:

An act to authorize the Secretary of War, to convey a lot of parcel of land belonging to the United States, lying in Jefferson county, Virginia; and,

An act for the relief of Isaac Minis and others, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1819; and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bassett reported the said bills, with amendments to each.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 11, 1819,

A new member, to wit: from North Carolina, Charles Fisher, elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of George Mumford, appeared produced his credentials and took his seat, the oath to support the constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. Strong have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Saturday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Rice presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Waldoborough, in the county of Kennebeck, in the district of Maine, praying that an uniform system of bankruptcy for the United States, may be established; which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Hunter presented a petition of Nathan Coolidge, on behalf of himself and the other heirs of Dorothy Coolidge, deceased, praying payment of a quartermaster's certificate, issued to the said Dorothy, as a compensation for the use and occupancy of her storehouse and wharf, in Watertown, in the state of Massachusetts, for five years, in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Reed presented a petition of Joshua Rutledge, praying payment of a loan office certificate of one thousand pounds, Maryland currency, which was lost previous to the year 1794.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Pondexter presented a petition of the General Assembly of the state of Mississippi, praying that a port of entry may be established on Pearl river, as near as may be to the mouth of the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John A. Dix," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered. That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.





It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....82,  
Nays.....71.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,            | Mr. Kinsey,         | Mr. Rice,            |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Lincoln,            | Rich,                |
| Barber, <i>Ohio,</i>  | Linn,               | Ringgold,            |
| Bayley,               | Little,             | Robertson,           |
| Beecher,              | Livermore,*         | Ruggles,             |
| Bloomfield,           | Lowndes,            | Schuyler,            |
| Campbell,             | M'Lane, <i>Del.</i> | Seybert,             |
| Colston,              | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i> | Sherwood,            |
| Crawford,             | Mason, <i>Mass.</i> | Silsbee,             |
| Cruger,               | Mercer,             | Simkins,             |
| Cushman,              | Middleton,          | S. Smith, •          |
| Davidson,             | Mills,              | Bel. Smith,          |
| Desha,                | Saml. Moore,        | Speed,               |
| Drake,                | Moseley,            | Storrs, •            |
| Fuller,               | Murray,             | Strother,            |
| Gilbert,              | Jer. Nelson,        | Stuart, <i>Md.</i>   |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>     | Nesbitt,            | Tarr,                |
| Harrison,             | New,                | Taylor,              |
| Hendricks,            | Newton,             | Tetrell,             |
| Herbert,              | Ogden,              | Terry,               |
| Herrick,              | Parrott,            | Trimble,             |
| Hitchcock,            | Patterson,          | • Tucker, <i>Va.</i> |
| Holmes,               | Pindall,            | Upham,               |
| Hostetter,            | Poindexter,         | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>  |
| Hubbard,              | Porter,             | Wallace,             |
| Hunter,               | Quarles,            | Westerlo,            |
| Johnson, <i>Ken.</i>  | Reed,               | Whitman,             |
| Jones,                |                     |                      |

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Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Adams,             | Mr. Darlington,      | Mr. Johnson, <i>Va.</i> } |
| Anderson, <i>Penn.</i> | Edwards,             | Kirtland,                 |
| Austin,                | Ellicott,            | Lawyer,                   |
| Baldwin,               | Fisher,              | W. Maclay,                |
| Ball,                  | Floyd,               | M'Coy,                    |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i> , | Garnett,             | Marchand,                 |
| Bassett,               | Hale,                | Mason, <i>R. I.</i>       |
| Bennett,               | Hall, <i>N. C.</i>   | Merrill,                  |
| Blount,                | Hasbrouck,           | Rob. Moore,               |
| Boden,                 | Herkimer,            | Morton,                   |
| Burwell,               | Hiester,             | H. Nelson,                |
| Clagett,               | Hogg,                | Orr,                      |
| Gomstock,              | Hopkinson,           | Palmer,                   |
| Cook,                  | Huntington,          | Pawling,                  |
| Crafts,                | Irving, <i>N. Y.</i> | Pegram,                   |

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| Mr. Pitkin, | Mr. Settle,    | Mr. Tucker, S. C.     |
| Rhea,       | Slocumb,       | Tyler,                |
| Richards,   | J. S. Smith,   | Wendover,             |
| Rogers,     | Southard,      | Whiteaide,            |
| Sampson,    | Spencer,       | Williams, <i>Con.</i> |
| Savage,     | Stewart, N. C. | Williams, N. F.       |
| Sawyer,     | Tallmadge,     | Williams, N. C.       |
| Scudder,    | Tompkins,      | Wilson, Penn. 71      |
| Sergeant,   | Townsend,      |                       |

A motion was made by Mr. Terrill, further to amend the bill, by increasing the compensation to the Clerks employed in the office of the Surgeon General, from 1,150 dollars to 2,150; which motion was rejected.

The said bill was then further amended, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House then took up and proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole, to the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government;" and the said amendments being read, were concurred in by the House.

Mr. Strother then moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon;

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....59,  
Nays.....98.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Austin,  | Mr. Hogg,     | Mr. Sawyer,        |
| Ball,        | Hunter,       | Scudder,           |
| Barbour, Va. | Huntington,   | Settle,            |
| Bateman,     | Johnson, Va.  | Shaw,              |
| Bayley,      | Linn,         | Slocumb,           |
| Bennett,     | M'Lean, Ill.  | Sal. Smith,        |
| Burwell,     | W. Maclay,    | J. S. Smith,       |
| Campbell,    | W. P. Maclay, | Southard,          |
| Cook,        | M'Coy,        | Speed,             |
| Crafts,      | Merrill,      | Stewart, N. C.     |
| Cutbreth,    | Robert Moore, | Strother,          |
| Davidson,    | Morton,       | Tarr,              |
| Desha,       | Murray,       | Tompkins,          |
| Edwards,     | H. Nelson,    | Townsend,          |
| Folger,      | Patterson,    | Tucker, S. C.      |
| Garnett,     | Pegram,       | Tyler,             |
| Hall, N. C.  | Richards,     | Walker, Ken.       |
| Hasbrouck,   | Rogers,       | Williams, N. F.    |
| Herkimer,    | Sampson,      | Williams, N. C. 59 |
| Herrick,     | Savage,       |                    |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,           | Mr. Hostetter,       | Mr. Porter,           |
| Adams,               | Hubbard,             | Reed,                 |
| Allen,               | Irving, <i>N. F.</i> | Rhea,                 |
| Baldwin,             | Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Rice,                 |
| Barber, <i>Ohio.</i> | Jones,               | Rich,                 |
| Bassett,             | Kinsey,              | Ringgold,             |
| Beecher,             | Kirtland,            | Robertson,            |
| Bloomfield,          | Lawyer,              | Ruggles,              |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>  | Lincoln,             | Schuyler,             |
| Clagett,             | Little,              | Sergeant,             |
| Cobb,                | Livermore,           | Seybert,              |
| Colston,             | Lowndes,             | Sherwood,             |
| Comstock,            | M'Lane, <i>Del.</i>  | Silsbee,              |
| Crawford,            | Mason, <i>Mas.</i>   | Simkins,              |
| Cruger,              | Mason, <i>R. I.</i>  | S. Smith,             |
| Cushman,             | Mercer,              | Spencer,              |
| Darlington,          | Middleton,           | Storrs,               |
| Earl,                | Mills,               | Tallmadge,            |
| Ellicott,            | Saml. Moore,         | Taylor,               |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>  | Moseley,             | Terrell,              |
| Fisher,              | Jer. Nelson,         | Terry,                |
| Floyd,               | Nesbitt,             | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>    |
| Fuller,              | Ogden,               | Upham,                |
| Gage,                | Orr,                 | Wallace,              |
| Hale,                | Palmer,              | Wendover,             |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>    | Parrott,             | Westerlo,             |
| Harrison,            | Pawling,             | Whitman.              |
| Herbert,             | Pindall,             | Wilkin,               |
| Hitchcock,           | Pitkin,              | Williams, <i>Con.</i> |
| Holmes,              | Pleasants,           | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i>  |
| Hopkinson,           | Poindexter,          | Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> 93 |

The said bill was then further amended.

And a motion was made by Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, to recommit the said bill to a committee of the whole.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time, to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 4th inst. approve and sign enrolled bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Alleghany mountain,

An act for the relief of Sampson S. King,

An act authorizing the distribution of a sum of money among the representatives of commodore Edward Preble, and the officers and crew of the brig Syren,

An act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish,  
 An act to authorize the payment in certain cases, on account of  
 Treasury notes which have been lost or destroyed; and,  
 An act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper.  
 Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.  
 And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 12, 1849.

Ordered, That Mr. Nesbitt have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Saturday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Benjamin Dearborn, stating that he has invented a mode of propelling wheel carriages by steam, well calculated for the conveyance of the mail and any number of passengers, and which will be perfectly secure from robberies on the high way, and praying that Congress may direct an experiment to be made, to test the utility of his said invention.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of Nathaniel Cutting, Chief Clerk in that branch of the War Department, called the *Section of Bounty Lands*, praying for an increase of compensation.

Mr. Trimble presented a petition of Thomas Withers, praying compensation for a wagon and team lost in the public service, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Trimble presented a petition of Jane Edwards, praying compensation for two cows, taken from her late husband by the Indians, in the year 1842.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Knox and Muskingum, in the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee of Revision and Unfinished Business, reported a bill concerning the allowance of pensions upon a relinquishment of bounty lands; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill for the relief of Henry Batman; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Poindexter, from the same committee, to which was referred, bills from the Senate, of the following titles, to wit: "An act providing for a grant of land for the seat of government in the state

of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state;" "An act authorizing the President of the United States, to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the 3d of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors or other Indians of the Creek nation;" "An act for the relief of John Clark;" and "An act for adjusting the claims to land and establishing land offices in the districts east of the island of New Orleans," reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the three first mentioned of the said bills be read a third time, to-morrow; and that the latter lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on the Public Lands be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of James Johnson, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill in relation to the banks of the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second time and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Ward;" and that it be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Livermore from the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill freeing from postage, letters and packets to and from certain officers of Agricultural Societies; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have postponed to the 5th of March next, the bill entitled "An act concerning widows of the militia;" and they have passed the bill, entitled "An act directing the payment of certain bills drawn by general Armstrong, in favor of William Morgan." They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Daniel Pettibone;" and "An act making appropriations to carry into effect, treaties concluded with several Indian tribes therein mentioned;" in which bills, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Pettibone," was read the first and second time and referred to Mr. Folger, Mr. Sergeant, and Mr. Seybert.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act making appropriations to carry into effect, treaties concluded with several Indian tribes therein mentioned;" was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report made by the committee of Ways and Means, at the last session (6th April, 1818,) on the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States, to distribute an additional sum amongst the assessors of the United States; whereupon, it was

On motion of Mr. Barbour, of Virginia,

Ordered, That the said report be recommitted to the committee of Ways and Means, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of preparing and reporting a bill allowing compensation to those assessors, who, under the act, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States," approved August 2d 1813, commenced their duties as prescribed therein, and were prevented from proceeding, by reason of the state to which their assessment district belonged, assuming its quota of said direct tax.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed by the Senate, to inquire what subjects before the two Houses, it will be proper to act on, during the present session of Congress.

Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Holmes, were appointed the said committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills and an enrolled resolution of the following titles, viz:

An act to extend the jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law relating to patents,

An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker,

An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks in the Civil Department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia,

An act to incorporate the Medical Society in the District of Columbia; and

A resolution authorizing the transportation of the documents accompanying the report of the committee to examine into the proceedings of the Bank of the United States free of postage; and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1819," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government," was read the third time and amended.

And on the question, shall it pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....76,  
Nays.....56.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Adams,            | Mr. Hubbard,         | Mr. Quaes,             |
| Allen, <i>Mss.</i>    | Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Rhe,                   |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Kinsey,              | Rice                   |
| Barber, <i>Ohio,</i>  | Kirtland,            | Rick                   |
| Bassett,              | Lawyer,              | Ringold,               |
| Beecher,              | Lincoln,             | Robtson,               |
| Blount,               | Little,              | Rugles,                |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>   | Livermore,           | Schlyer,               |
| Clagett,              | McLane, <i>Dd.</i>   | Seyert,                |
| Cobb,                 | Mason, <i>Mass.</i>  | Shewood,               |
| Colston,              | Mercer,              | Silsee,                |
| Comstock,             | Middleton,           | Simms,                 |
| Cruger,               | Mills,               | S. Smith,              |
| Cushman,              | Moseley,             | Ale. Smyth,            |
| Darlington,           | Jer. Nelson,         | Specer,                |
| Davidson,             | Nesbitt,             | Stora,                 |
| Ellicott,             | Newton,              | Stewart, <i>Md.</i>    |
| Fisher,               | Ogden,               | Talor,                 |
| Floyd,                | Palmer,              | Tery,                  |
| Fuller,               | Parrott,             | Wadover,               |
| Hale,                 | Pawling,             | Waterlo,               |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>     | Pindall,             | Witman,                |
| Herbert,              | Pitkin,              | Wkin,                  |
| Hitchcock,            | Pleasants,           | Williams, <i>Con.</i>  |
| Holmes,               | Poindexter,          | Wison, <i>Mass.</i> 76 |
| Hopkinson,            |                      |                        |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Austin,         | Mr. Herrick,        | Mr. Savage,            |
| Ball,               | Huntington,         | Scader,                |
| Barbour, <i>Va.</i> | Johnson, <i>Va.</i> | Sette,                 |
| Bateman,            | Linn,               | Shat,                  |
| Bayley,             | McLean, <i>Al.</i>  | Bal. Smith,            |
| Bennett,            | W. Maclay,          | Southard,              |
| Boden,              | W. P. Maclay,       | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>  |
| Burwell,            | McCoy,              | Strother,              |
| Campbell,           | Marchand,           | Tarr,                  |
| Cook,               | Merrill,            | Tompkins,              |
| Crafts,             | Robert Moore,       | Tucke, <i>S. C.</i>    |
| Culbreth,           | Saml. Moore,        | Tyler,                 |
| Dasha,              | Morton,             | Walke, <i>N. C.</i>    |
| Edwards,            | H. Nelson,          | Wallace,               |
| Garnett,            | Patterson,          | Whitende,              |
| Gilbert,            | Pegram,             | Williams, <i>N. Y.</i> |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>  | Richards,           | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> |
| Hendricks,          | Bogers,             | Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> 56  |
| Herkimer,           | Sampson,            |                        |



Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the amendments to the said bill.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the military peace establishment of the United States shall consist of such proportions of artillery, infantry, and riflemen, not exceeding in the whole, six thousand men, as the President of the United States shall judge proper; and that the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to report a bill for that purpose.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution, and debate arising on the question to agree thereto.

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 13, 1819.

Ordered, That Mr. Bellinger, have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Craft presented a petition of Samuel Peckham, jr. inspector of the customs for the district of Vermont, stating that in the year 1812, he seized a large quantity of merchandise, illegally imported from the province of Canada, that said goods were appraised and delivered to the importer upon his executing a bond with surety for the forthcoming of the said merchandise, or the appraised value thereof if the same should be condemned according to law; that upon the condemnation thereof, neither the merchandise or the proceeds were produced in court; that the principal and surety in said bond have become insolvent, and have been released from prison by an act of Congress, whereby the petitioner hath been deprived of his proportion of the said proceeds, and praying to be paid the amount thereof from the Treasury of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Darlington presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that persons of color illegally imported into the United States, may not, upon being seized, be sold as slaves; which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill, supplementary to the several acts prohibiting the importation of slaves.

Mr. Robert Moore, presented a petition of James Moore, praying compensation for his services, in various military capacities in the revolutionary war; as also, for losses sustained in the said war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Hanover county in the state of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of Sarah Robinson, widow of Charles Robinson, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a grant of the land due for the services of her said husband, or for such other relief as Congress may think proper to grant; which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill concerning invalid pensioners.

Mr. Colston presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Harper's Ferry, in Jefferson county and state of Virginia, praying for a grant of one acre of the public land, lying near the said ferry, for the purpose of erecting thereon, a Methodist Episcopal Church; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills, of the following titles, to wit: "An act, supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade;" and "An act to erect an Equestrian Statue of general Washington, in the Capitol Square;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

• Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act concerning the allowance of pensions upon a relinquishment of bounty lands; and,

An act for the relief of Henry Batman; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of John Clark,

An act providing for a grant of land for the seat of government, in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state; and,

An act authorizing the President of the United States to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the 3d of March, 1817, to certain chiefs and warriors or other Indians of the Creek nation, were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate entitled "An act, supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to erect an Equestrian Statue of general Washington, in the Capitol Square," was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, and the said resolution being again read, was, by the consent of the mover, modified to read as follows:

1. Resolved, That the military peace establishment of the United States, shall consist of such proportions of artillery, infantry and riflemen, not exceeding in the whole, six thousand men, as the President of the United States shall judge proper, and that the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to report a bill for that purpose.

2. Resolved, That the act or acts of Congress, authorizing the appointment of two major generals, be repealed, and that the office of major general, in the military peace establishment of the United States, be dispensed with.

3. Resolved, That the residue of the staff of the army of the United States, be reduced to one half of the present number of officers; or as early so, as the nature of the case will admit of.

The question was stated to agree to the said resolutions, when,

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, to lay the said resolutions on the table.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....71,  
Nays.....66.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,            | Mr. Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Mr. Rhea,           |
| Andersom, <i>Ken.</i> | Jones,                   | Rich,               |
| Baldwin               | Kinsey,                  | Ringgold,           |
| Barboun <i>Vtr.</i>   | Lawyer,                  | Robertson,          |
| Bassett,              | Lewis,                   | Sergeant,           |
| Bennett               | Lincoln,                 | Seybert,            |
| Butler, <i>Low.</i>   | Linn,                    | Simkins,            |
| Clagett,              | Little,                  | S. Smith,           |
| Claiborne,            | M'Lane, <i>Del.</i>      | Bal. Smith,         |
| Comstok,              | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>      | Southward,          |
| Crawford,             | M'Coy,                   | Speed,              |
| Cruiger,              | Merrill,                 | Storrs,             |
| Culbreth,             | Middleton,               | Strong,             |
| Davidson,             | Saml. Moore,             | Tallmadge,          |
| Folger,               | H. Nelson,               | Terrell,            |
| Harrison,             | New,                     | Tompkins,           |
| Hasbrouck,            | Newton,                  | Trimble,            |
| Herrick,              | Ogden,                   | Tucker, <i>Vtr.</i> |
| Hitchcock,            | Parott,                  | Tyler,              |
| Holmes,               | Pawling,                 | Upham,              |
| Hopkinson,            | Pegram,                  | Walker, <i>Ken.</i> |
| Hunter,               | Pleasants,               | Wendover,           |
| Irving, <i>N. Y.</i>  | Poindexter,              | Wilkin,             |
| Johnson, <i>Vtr.</i>  | Porter,                  |                     |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Adams,          | Mr. Hall, N. C. | Mr. Sampson,           |
| Allen, <i>Mass.</i> | Hendricks,      | Savage,                |
| Ball,               | Herbert,        | Sawyer,                |
| Bayley,             | Herkimer,       | Scudder,               |
| Beecher,            | Hiester,        | Settle,                |
| Bellinger,          | Hogg,           | Shaw,                  |
| Boden,              | Hostetter,      | Sherwood,              |
| Burwell,            | Huntington,     | Slocumb,               |
| Campbell,           | Livermore,      | J. S. Smith,           |
| Cobb,               | W. Maclay,      | Stewart, N. C.         |
| Colston,            | W. P. Maclay,   | Stuart, Md.            |
| Cook,               | Marchand,       | Taylor,                |
| Darlington,         | Mason, R. I.    | Terry,                 |
| Desha,              | Mercer,         | Tucker, S. C.          |
| Earl,               | Mills,          | Walker, N. C.          |
| Edwards,            | Robt. Moore,    | Whiteside,             |
| Fisher,             | Murray,         | Whitman,               |
| Gage,               | Jer. Nelson,    | Williams, <i>Conn.</i> |
| Garnett,            | Orr,            | Williams, N. Y.        |
| Gilbert,            | Patterson,      | Williams, N. C.        |
| Hale,               | Rice,           | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i>   |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>   | Richards,       | Wilson, Pa. 66         |

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to authorize the people of the Missouri territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states; as also, on the bill establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri; and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Alabama to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to communicate to this House, a statement of the moneys, and the amount transferred by the Bank of the United States, for the use or accommodation of the government or its agents, to any place or places where an equal amount of public money had not been previously received by the said bank, or its branches.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of altering the post

route from Glasgow, to Burksville, so as to go by Martinsburgh, in Kentucky.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution of the following titles, to wit:

An act to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law relating to patents,

An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker,

An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks in the Civil Department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia,

An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia,

An act to authorize the President and Managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company, of the state of Maryland, to extend and make a turnpike road to or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through the said District, to the line thereof; and,

A resolution authorizing the transmission of the documents accompanying the report of the committee appointed to examine into the proceedings of the Bank of the United States, free of postage.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 15, 1819.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting statements of his general account, from the 1st of January, 1817, to the 1st July, 1818; as also, of his War and Navy accounts, from the 1st of October, 1817, to the 1st of October, 1818; which letter and statements were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Comstock presented a petition of Jonathan P. Woodworth and Oliver Woodworth, two of the sons and heirs of Jonathan Woodworth deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed and paid a proportion of the pension to which the deceased was entitled, as an indemnity for the expense incurred by them in taking care of the deceased during his last illness.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of sundry stockholders in the Bank of the United States, residing in the City of New York, owning stock in said bank, exceeding in the aggregate two millions of dollars, praying that no measures may be adopted calculated to put down, or to destroy the credit of the said bank, but that such course may be adopted as will protect private rights, and restore to the

bank the confidence of the community; which petition was referred to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. Wendover, also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the City of New York, praying that the act imposing duties on foreign coal imported into the United States, may be repealed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Thomas W. Phelps and Warren Colton, praying to be exonerated from their liability as the sureties of a certain Samuel Blakeslee, jr. lately deceased, in a bond to secure the duties imposed on his distillery, in consequence of their poverty and inability to pay the said bond.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Southard presented a petition of John Hampton, brother and heir at law of Andrew Hampton, deceased, stating that the deceased was possessed, in his life time, of a tract of one thousand acres of land lying on the river Mobile, in the former Spanish province of West Florida, which said land has been lately surveyed and sold by the United States and praying for a grant of other land of equal value, or for other suitable indemnity.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry merchants of Philadelphia, stating that late in the year 1806, they made large shipments in American and colonial produce, from ports of the United States, to the port of Antwerp, in France; that the vessels in which their shipments were made, were carried into England under the *Orders in Council* of Great Britain, and after being subjected to illegal duties, were released; that upon their arrival in the port of Antwerp the ships with their cargoes were seized under the decrees of France, commonly called *The Berlin and Milan Decrees*, and were sold and the proceeds paid into the Treasury of France; that all their efforts to obtain redress have been unavailing, and praying that such measures may be adopted by the government of the United States, as will induce that of France, to grant them compensation for their property, as well as for its detention.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a petition of the select and common council of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the cast iron pipes, or conduits, which they have ordered from Great Britain, to be used in conducting water through the streets of said city, may be admitted to entry free of duty.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Murray presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the

state of Pennsylvania, praying that provision may be made for opening a military road from Williamsport, in Pennsylvania, to the Painted Post, in the state of New York; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of George Lewis, praying to be paid the amount of a loan office certificate, issued in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Johnson, of Virginia, presented a petition of William Simmons, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Mr. Austin presented a petition of Anna Price, praying for further compensation for a valuable horse impressed into the service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Virginia, praying to be permitted to settle on Columbia river, in the Missouri territory, at a point below the head of the navigation of said river.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of the Baptist Board of Foreign Mission, acting under the direction of the General Convention of the Baptist Denomination of the United States, stating that they are desirous of establishing schools among the Indians, for their instruction and civilization, and praying for the aid and encouragement of the government of the United States; which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill authorizing the President of the United States, to select such tribes of Indians, as he may think best prepared for the change, and to adopt such means as he may judge expedient in order to civilize the same.

The Speaker presented a memorial of George Williams, explanatory of his conduct as a director, on the part of the government, of the Bank of the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Ebenezer C. Kingsley; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the committee of Claims be discharged from further considering the said petition, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making an appropriation for carrying into effect the provisions of an act, passed on the 1st day of March, 1817, entitled "An act making reservation of certain public lands to sup-

ply timber for naval purposes," which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for establishing an additional military academy, and a military school of application; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill to establish a national armory.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill for the relief of Patrick Callan; whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri, to form a constitution and state government and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states; as also, on the bill establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri; and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Alabama, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith of Maryland, reported the first mentioned bill with sundry amendments, and not having time to go through the residue of the said bills, had directed him to ask leave to sit again thereon.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again, on the two last mentioned bills.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House, that the Vice President of the United States having withdrawn from the Senate, they proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the constitution of the United States provides, and that James Barbour, a Senator, from the state of Virginia, was chosen. The Senate have passed the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, to inquire what subjects it will be proper to act upon during the present session of Congress, and have appointed a committee on their part. They have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Benjamin Pool,

An act providing additional penalties for false entries, for the benefit of drawback, or bounty on exportation,

An act for the relief of Henry Davis,

An act for the relief of Adam Kinsley, Thomas French and Charles S. Leonard; and,

An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth; with an amendment to the latter. And they have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit:



An act confirming the claim of Alexander Macomb, to a tract of land, in the territory of Michigan,

An act for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers,

An act for the relief of Michael Hogan; and.

An act for the relief of the heirs of Edward M'Carty; in which amendment and last mentioned bills, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

And the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 16, 1819.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of the postmasters in the cities of Boston, Albany, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, praying for a repeal of the 40th section of the act passed on the 30th of April, 1810, entitled "An act regulating the post office establishment," or that their compensations may be increased, so as to be adequate to the services required of them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of sundry merchants and ship-owners of Kennebunk, in the district of Maine, praying that a pier and buoys may be erected and placed at the mouth of Kennebunk river.

Mr. Kinsey presented a petition of sundry manufacturers and venders of American manufactured paper, in the city of New York, and its vicinity, praying that the duties imposed on foreign manufactured paper, imported into the United States, may be changed from an advalorem to specific duties.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Louisville, in the state of Kentucky, praying that an act may be passed, directing that one session of the circuit and two sessions of the district court, for the district of Kentucky, may be annually held in the said town.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker presented a petition of George Hadfield, late architect of the Capitol in the City of Washington, praying compensation for a plan of the public offices in said city, which he made by direction of the commissioners of said city, in the year 1797.

Mr. Desha presented a petition of Joseph Bruce, praying compensation for a horse, lost in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. McLean, of Illinois, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Gallatin county, in the state of Illinois, stating that they purchased of the United States, two lots in Shawanee town, in said state, to be used as a public square, for the benefit in common of its inhabitants, and that they have paid one fourth part of the purchase money for the same, and praying that the balance of the said purchase money may be remitted.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes, and for other purposes," be discharged from the farther consideration thereof, and that it lie on the table.

Ordered, That the said committee be also discharged from the further consideration of the petition of general James Wilkinson, and that it be referred to the committee of Claims; and that they be also discharged from the consideration of all such matters and things to them referred at the present session, upon which they have not acted.

The amendment proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth," was read and referred to the committee of Claims.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers,
2. An act for the relief of Edward M. Carty,
3. An act for the relief of Michael Hogan

4. An act confirming the claim of Alexander Maccomb to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan, were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the *first* to the committee of the whole, to which is referred the report of the committee of Claims, made at the last session on the petition of Samuel Hughes; the *second* and *third* to the committee of Claims, and the *fourth* to the committee on Private Land Claims.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Patrick Callan," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A motion was made by Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, to proceed to the further consideration of the resolution submitted by him to reduce the army of the United States; which motion was rejected.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the committee of the whole, to the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states; and the said amendments

being read were concurred in by the House, with the exception of that to the end of the 4th section, which prohibits slavery or involuntary servitude, in the proposed state; which said amendment being amended to read as follows:

And provided also, *That the further introduction of slavery or involuntary servitude be prohibited, except for the punishment of crimes, whereof the party shall be duly convicted; and that all children of slaves, born within the said state, after the admission thereof into the Union, shall be free, but may be held to service until the age of twenty-five years.*

Mr. Beecher moved further to amend the said amendment, by striking out all thereof after the word, *convicted*; which motion was rejected.

A division of the question to agree to the said amendment, was then called for, and the question was put to agree to so much thereof, as is contained within the same to the word *convicted*, inclusive.

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....87,  
Nays.....76.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

|               |                |              |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Mr. Adams,    | Mr. Herkimer,  | Mr. Morton,  |
| Allen,        | Herrick,       | Moseley,     |
| Anderson, Pa. | Heister,       | Murray,      |
| Barber, Ohio, | Hitchcock,     | Jer. Nelson, |
| Bateman,      | Hopkinson,     | Ogle,        |
| Beecher,      | Hostetter,     | Orr,         |
| Bennett,      | Hubbard,       | Palmer,      |
| Boden,        | Hunter,        | Patterson,   |
| Campbell,     | Huntington,    | Pawling,     |
| Clagett,      | Irving, N. Y., | Pitkin,      |
| Comstock,     | Kinsey,        | Rice,        |
| Crafts,       | Kirtland,      | Rich,        |
| Cushman,      | Lawyer,        | Richards,    |
| Darlington,   | Lincoln,       | Rogers,      |
| Drake,        | Linn,          | Ruggles,     |
| Ellicott,     | Livermore,     | Sampson,     |
| Folger,       | W. Maclay,     | Savage,      |
| Fuller,       | W. P. Maclay,  | Schuyler,    |
| Gage,         | Marchand,      | Scudder,     |
| Gilbert,      | Mason, R. I.   | Sergeant,    |
| Hale,         | Merrill,       | Sherwood,    |
| Hall, Del.    | Mills,         | Silsbee,     |
| Hasbrouck,    | Robert Moore,  | Southard,    |
| Hendricks,    | Saml. Moore,   | Spencer,     |

Mr. Tallmadge,  
Taylor,  
Terry,  
Tompkins,  
Townsend,

Mr. Upham,  
Wallace,  
Wendover,  
Westerlo,  
Whiteside,

Mr. Wilkin,  
Williams, *Con.*  
Williams, *N. Y.*  
Wilson, *Mass.*  
Wilson, *Pa.* 87

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbot,  
Anderson, *Ken.*  
Austin,  
Ball,  
Barbour, *Va.*  
Bassett,  
Bayley,  
Bloomfield,  
Blount,  
Bryan,  
Burwell,  
Butler, *Lon.*  
Cobb,  
Colston,  
Cook,  
Cruger,  
Culbreth,  
Davidson,  
Desha,  
Edwards,  
Ervin, *S. C.*  
Fisher,  
Garnett,  
Hall, *N. C.*  
Harrison,  
Holmes,

Mr. Johnson, *Vir.*  
Johnson, *Ken.*  
Jones,  
Lewis,  
Little,  
Lowndes,  
M'Lane, *Del.*  
M'Lean, *Ill.*  
M'Coy,  
Marr,  
Mason, *Mass.*  
Middleton,  
H. Nelson,  
T. M. Nelson,  
Nesbitt,  
New,  
Newton,  
Ogden,  
Owen,  
Parott,  
Pegram,  
Peter,  
Pindall,  
Pleasants,  
Poindexter,

Mr. Reed,  
Rhea,  
Ringgold,  
Robertson,  
Sawyer,  
Settle,  
Shaw,  
Simkins,  
Slocumb,  
S. Smith,  
Bal. Smith,  
Alex. Smyth,  
J. S. Smith,  
Speed,  
Stewart, *N. C.*  
Storrs,  
Stewart, *Md.*  
Terrell,  
Trimble,  
Tucker, *Va.*  
Tucker, *S. C.*  
Tyler,  
Walker, *N. C.*  
Walker, *Ken.*  
Williams, *N. C.* 76

The question was then put on agreeing to the residue of the said amendment.

And also passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....82,  
Nays.....78.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,  
Allen, *Mass.*  
Anderson, *Pa.*  
Barber, *Ohio.*  
Bateman,  
Bennett,

Mr. Boden,  
Clagett,  
Comstock,  
Crafts,  
Cushman,  
Darlington,

Mr. Drake,  
Ellicott,  
Folger,  
Fuller,  
Gage,  
Gilbert,

|                      |              |                         |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Mr. Hale,            | Mr. Merrill, | Mr. Scudder,            |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>    | Mills,       | Sergeant,               |
| Hasbrouck,           | Rob. Moore,  | Sherwood,               |
| Henricks,            | Saml. Moore, | Silsbee,                |
| Herkimer,            | Morton,      | S. Smith,               |
| Herrick,             | Moseley,     | Southard,               |
| Hiester,             | Murray,      | Spencer,                |
| Hitchcock,           | Jer. Nelson, | Tallmadge,              |
| Hopkinson,           | Ogle,        | Taylor,                 |
| Hostetter,           | Orr,         | Terry,                  |
| Hubbard,             | Palmer,      | Tompkins,               |
| Hunter,              | Patterson,   | Townsend,               |
| Huntington,          | Pawling,     | Upham,                  |
| Irving, <i>N. F.</i> | Pitkin,      | Wallace,                |
| Kinsey,              | Rice,        | Wendover,               |
| Kirtland,            | Rich,        | Whiteside,              |
| Lawyer,              | Richards,    | Wilkin,                 |
| Lincoln,             | Rogers,      | Williams, <i>Con.</i>   |
| Livermore,           | Ruggles,     | Williams, <i>N. F.</i>  |
| W. Maclay,           | Sampson,     | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i>    |
| W. P. Maclay,        | Savage,      | Wilson, <i>Penn.</i> 82 |
| Marchand,            |              |                         |

Those who voted in the negative, are

|                       |                      |                           |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. Abbot,            | Mr. Harrison,        | Mr. Pleasants,            |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Holmes,              | Poindexter,               |
| Austin,               | Johnson, <i>Va.</i>  | Reed,                     |
| Bail,                 | Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Rhea,                     |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i>  | Jones,               | Ringgold,                 |
| Bassett,              | Lewis,               | Robertson,                |
| Bayley,               | Linn,                | Sawyer,                   |
| Beecher,              | Little,              | Settle,                   |
| Bloomfield,           | Lowndes,             | Shaw,                     |
| Blount,               | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>  | Simkins,                  |
| Bryan,                | M'Coy,               | Slocumb,                  |
| Burwell,              | Marr,                | Bal. Smith,               |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>   | Mason, <i>Mas.</i>   | Alex. Smyth,              |
| Campbell,             | Mason, <i>R. I.</i>  | J. S. Smith,              |
| Cobb,                 | Middleton,           | Speed,                    |
| Colston,              | H. Nelson,           | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>     |
| Cook,                 | T. M. Nelson,        | Storrs,                   |
| Cruget,               | Nesbitt,             | Stuart, <i>Md.</i>        |
| Culbreth,             | New,                 | Terrell,                  |
| Davidson,             | Newton,              | Trimble,                  |
| Desha,                | Ogden,               | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>        |
| Edwards,              | Owen,                | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>      |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>   | Parrott,             | Tyler,                    |
| Fisher,               | Pegram,              | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>      |
| Garnett,              | Peter,               | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>       |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>    | Pindall,             | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 38 |

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table.

Mr. Storrs moved still further to amend the same, by striking out of that clause of the first section, which provides that "the said state, when formed, shall be admitted into the Union, upon an equal footing with the original states, in all respects whatsoever;" these words, "*upon an equal footing with the original states, in all respects whatsoever.*"

And the question being taken, to agree to the said amendment.

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Pindall moved further to amend the said bill, by transposing the amendment, or proviso, herein stated, (and which prohibits slavery or involuntary servitude, in the proposed state,) from the end of the fourth section, to the end of the propositions offered to the convention of the said territory of Missouri, and to make the same a sixth proposition for their free acceptance or rejection.

And the question being taken thereon.

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken, shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....97,  
Nays.....56.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

|                        |                      |                     |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Adams,             | Mr. Fuller,          | Mr. Livermore,      |
| Allen, <i>Mas.</i>     | Gage,                | Lownds,             |
| • Anderson, <i>Pa.</i> | Gilbert,             | McLane, <i>Del.</i> |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i>  | Hale,                | W. Maclay,          |
| Baldwin,               | Hall, <i>Del.</i>    | W. P. Maclay,       |
| Barber, <i>Ohio,</i>   | Hasbrouck,           | Marchand,           |
| Bateman,               | Hendricks,           | Mason, <i>R. I.</i> |
| Beecher,               | Herkimer,            | Merrill,            |
| Bennett,               | Herrick,             | Robt. Moore,        |
| Boden,                 | Hiester,             | Saml. Moore,        |
| Campbell,              | Hitchcock,           | Morton,             |
| Clagett,               | Hopkinson,           | Moseley,            |
| Colston,               | Hostetter,           | Murray,             |
| Comstock,              | Hubbard,             | Jer. Nelson,        |
| Crafts,                | Hunter,              | Ogden,              |
| Cruger,                | Huntington,          | Ogle,               |
| Cushman,               | Irving, <i>N. Y.</i> | Orr,                |
| Darlington,            | Khusey,              | Palmer,             |
| Drake,                 | Kirtland,            | Patterson,          |
| Ellicott,              | Lawyer,              | Pawling,            |
| Fisher,                | Lincoln,             | Pitkin,             |
| Folger,                | Linn,                | Rice,               |

Mr. Rich,  
Richards,  
Rogers,  
Ruggles,  
Sampson,  
Savage,  
Schuyler,  
Scudder,  
Sergeant,  
Sherwood,  
Silsbee,

Mr. S. Smith,  
Alex. Smith,  
Southard,  
Spencer,  
Tallmadge,  
Taylor,  
Terry,  
Tompkins,  
Townsend,  
Upham,

Mr. Wallace,  
Wendover,  
Westerlo,  
Whiteside,  
Whitman,  
Wilkin,  
Williams, *Con.*  
Williams, *N. F.*  
Wilson, *Mass.*  
Wilson, *Pa.* 97

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbot,  
Austin,  
Ball,  
Barbour, *Va.*  
Bassett,  
Bayley,  
Bloomfield,  
Blount,  
Bryan,  
Burwell,  
Butler, *Lou.*  
Cobb,  
Crawford,  
Culbreth,  
Davidson,  
Desha,  
Edwards,  
Garnett,  
Hall, *N. C.*

Mr. Harrison,  
Holmes,  
Johnson, *Va.*  
Johnson, *Ken.*  
Jones,  
Little,  
McCoy,  
Marr,  
T. M. Nelson,  
Newton,  
Owen,  
Parrott,  
Pegram,  
Peter,  
Pindall,  
Pleasants,  
Poindexter,  
Reed,  
Rhea,

Mr. Ringgold,  
Robertson,  
Settle,  
Shaw,  
Simkins,  
Slocumb,  
Bal. Smith,  
J. S. Smith,  
Speed,  
Stewart, *N. C.*  
Storra,  
Terrell,  
Trimble,  
Tucker, *Vir.*  
Tucker, *S. C.*  
Tyler,  
Walker, *Ken.*  
Williams, *N. C.* 56

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker,

An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks in the Civil Department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia,

An act to incorporate the Medical Society, in the District of Columbia,

An act to extend the jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law relating to patents,

An act to authorize the President and Managers of the Rockville and Washington Turnpike Road Company, of the state of Ma-

ryland, to extend and make their turnpike road, to or from the boundary of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through the said District, to the line thereof,

An act authorizing the election of a Delegate from the Michigan territory, to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory,

An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1819,

An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1819,

An act for the relief of Daniel Benner and Nathaniel H. Heath; and,

A resolution authorizing the transmission of the documents accompanying the report of the committee to examine into the proceedings of the Bank of the United States, free of postage.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 17, 1819.

Mr. Orr presented documents in support of the petition of Elijah Cook, and others, which were referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Wendover presented a memorial of the New York chamber of commerce, praying that no measures may be adopted, tending to dissolve the charter of the bank of the United States, but that the evils complained of, may be remedied, and the bank permitted to continue its operations.

Mr. Tyler presented a similar memorial of sundry inhabitants of the City of Richmond, in Virginia.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Painesville, in the state of Ohio, praying that a port of entry may be established at the mouth of Grand river, in said state.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that a land office for the sale of the lands of the United States within the said state, may be established at the town of Troy.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Beecher also presented another petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that a national road may be laid out and made through the said state, from the river Ohio, to Lake Erie, and that the same may be located so as to pass through the towns of Columbus, Urbana, Troy and Greenville.



Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Speed, from the committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles:

An act directing the payment of certain bills drawn by general Armstrong, in favor of William Morgan,

An act providing additional penalties for false entries for the benefit of drawback or bounty on exportation,

An act for the relief of Henry Davis,

An act for the relief of Benjamin Pool,

An act for the relief of Adam Kinsley, Thomas French and Charles S. Leonard,

An act supplemental to the act, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington,"

An act for the relief of John Clark,

An act providing for a grant of land for the seat of government in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state,

An act authorizing the President of the United States, to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the 3d of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors, or other Indians, of the Creek nation; and,

An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of Government, and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Rich, from the committee of Claims, to which was referred the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth," reported their agreement to the said amendment.

The said amendment was then read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to which was also referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Edward M'Carty," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the committee of Claims, on the cases of Mary Sears, and William B. Stokes.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act confirming the claim of Alexander Macomb, to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An

act supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade," reported the same without amendment.

The said bill provides that for the more convenient regulation of the coasting trade, the sea coast and navigable rivers of the United States, shall be divided into *four* great districts.

Mr. Silsbee moved to amend the said bill, so as to divide the sea coast and navigable rivers into *two* great districts; the first to include all the districts on the sea coast, and navigable rivers between the eastern limits of the United States and the southern limits of Georgia; and the second to include all the districts on the sea coast and navigable rivers between the river Perdido, and the western limits of the United States; and discussion arising on the said amendment:

The said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Spencer, from the committee appointed on the 10th day of April last, to inquire into the official conduct of William P. Van Ness, judge of the southern district court of New York, of Matthias B. Tallmadge, judge of the northern district of New York, and of William Stephens, judge of the District of Georgia, made a report on the case of judge Van Ness; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Spencer, from the same committee, also made a report, in part, on the case of judge Tallmadge, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred in the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of the Government." They have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased,

An act allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants; and,

An act to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac, between the termination of Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, east, in the City of Washington; with an amendment to the latter.

They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act respecting the location of certain sections of lands to be granted for the seat of government in the state of Indiana;" in which amendments and last mentioned bill, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill of this House, last mentioned, were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act respecting the location of certain sections of lands to be granted for the seat of government in the state of Indiana," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people in the territory of Missouri, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills, of the following titles to wit:

An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey,

An act making provision for the claim of M. de Vienne; and,

An act for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey.

They have also passed bills of the following titles to wit:

An act for the relief of Pierre Dennis de la Ronde,

An act for the relief of Rees Hill,

An act for the relief of Gabriel Godfrey,

An act for the relief of Nathan Ford,

An act for the relief of David Henly,

An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased,

An act to authorize William Prout to institute a bill in equity, before the circuit court for the District of Columbia, against the commissioner of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein,

An act authorizing the purchase of live oak timber, for naval purposes; and,

An act to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty; in which last mentioned bills, they ask the concurrence of the House. And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri; and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the said bills with amendments to each.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 18, 1819.

A new member, to wit: from Georgia, Robert Raymond Reid, elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John Forsyth, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of New Bedford, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that buoys may be placed in several places in Buzzard's Bay, for the safety of navigation in said bay.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Ontario, Seneca and Cayuga, in the state of New York, praying that a port of entry may be established at Great Sodus Bay.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Maryland, praying that a new regulation of the tariff of duties on imports may be made, and that the duties on coarse cotton fabrics may be increased.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of Zachariah Brooks, praying for the remission of the penalty incurred by him for failure in taking out a tavern license in the year 1817, for reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Marr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Wayne, in the state of Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a post road.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of James Pierce, praying compensation for a wagon and team which was given up to the British forces at the surrender of the army commanded by general Hull, at Detroit.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Charles S. Jones and William Buckner, administrators of Wm. Jones, deceased, as also, from the petition of Alexander Roddy, and that leave be given to withdraw the said petitions and documents.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, reported a bill, supplementary to "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John B. Timberlake," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Reed, of Maryland, moved the House to take into consideration the resolution submitted by him on the 23d ultimo, for the

erection of a monument to the memory of the late major general the Baron de Kalb.

And the question being taken, will the House now proceed to consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants,

An act concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased,

An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth,

An act for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey,

An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey; and,

An act making provision for the claim of M. de Vienne, and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Holmes submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the first meeting of the next Congress, at an earlier period than the first Monday of December, and that the committee have leave to report by bill.

The said resolution was read, and the question being taken to agree thereto?

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the committee of Claims, be directed to inquire into the propriety of so amending the act for the relief of major Loring Austin and George R. Wells, as that the Secretary of War shall settle the claim of the said Austin, for 827 dollars and 95 cents, instead of the sum of 607 dollars and 26 cents, for his expenses incurred in the defence of the suits therein named; and that the amount to be settled as the like claim for expenses by said Wells, be reduced from the sum of 687 dollars and 4 cents, to the sum of 177 dollars and 30 cents.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of moneys advanced prior to the third of March, 1809, and which remain to be accounted for on the books of the Third Auditor; a statement of balances standing to the debit of individuals on the books of the Third Auditor, arising out of advances prior to 30th September, 1815; and a list of those persons who omitted to render their accounts for settlement, to the Fourth Auditor, within the year 1818; which letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table,

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to regulate the pay of

the army when employed on fatigue duty," was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time, to-morrow.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for the relief of Rees Hill,
2. An act for the relief of Pierre Dennis de la Ronde,
3. An act for the relief of Gabriel Godfroy,
4. An act for the relief of Nathan Ford,
5. An act for the relief of David Henly,
6. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vfeeland, deceased,
7. An act authorizing the purchase of live oak timber for naval purposes; and,
8. An act to authorize Wm. Prout to institute a bill in equity, before the circuit court for the District of Columbia, against the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein, were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the *first*, *second*, *third*, *fourth* and *fifth* to the committee of Claims; the *sixth* to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims; the *seventh* to the committee on Naval Affairs, and the *eighth* to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act confirming the claim of Alexander Macomb, to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the committee of the whole, to the bill establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri; and the said amendments being read, were concurred in by the House.

Mr. Taylor then moved further to amend the said bill by inserting the following as the second section thereof:

"And be it further enacted, That neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall be introduced into the said territory, otherwise than for the punishment of crimes, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted: And all children born of slaves within the said territory, shall be free, but may be held to service until the age of twenty-five years."

A division of the question to agree to the said amendment was called for, and the question was put on so much thereof as is contained within the same down to the word *convicted*, inclusive:

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....70,  
Nays.....71.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

|                      |                      |                        |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Mr. Adams,           | Mr. Huntington,      | Mr. Rich,              |
| Allen, <i>Mass.</i>  | Irving, <i>N. Y.</i> | Richards,              |
| Anderson, <i>Pa.</i> | Lawyer,              | Rogers,                |
| Barber, <i>Ohio,</i> | Lincoln,             | Ruggles,               |
| Bateman,             | Linn,                | Sampson,               |
| Bennett,             | Livermore,           | Savage,                |
| Boden,               | W. Maclay,           | Scudder,               |
| Boss,                | W. P. Maclay,        | Seybert,               |
| Comstock,            | Marchand,            | Sherwood,              |
| Crafts,              | Mason, <i>R. I.</i>  | Southward,             |
| Cushman,             | Merrill,             | Spencer,               |
| Darlington,          | Robert Moore,        | Tallmadge,             |
| Drake,               | Saml. Moore,         | Tarr,                  |
| Folger,              | Morton,              | Taylor,                |
| Fuller,              | Moseley,             | Terry,                 |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>    | Murray,              | Tompkins,              |
| Hasbrouck,           | Jer. Nelson,         | Townsend,              |
| Hendricks,           | Ogle,                | Wallace,               |
| Herrick,             | Orr,                 | Wendover,              |
| Hiester,             | Palmer,              | Whiteside,             |
| Hitchcock,           | Patterson,           | Williams, <i>Con.</i>  |
| Hostetter,           | Pawling,             | Williams, <i>N. Y.</i> |
| Hubbard,             | Rice,                | Wilson, <i>Pa.</i>     |
| Hunter,              |                      | 70                     |

Those who voted in the negative, are

|                           |                         |                        |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Mr. Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Mr. Johnson, <i>Va.</i> | Mr. Quarles,           |
| Austin,                   | Johnson, <i>Ken.</i>    | Reed, <i>Ga.</i>       |
| Ball,                     | Jones,                  | Rhea,                  |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i>      | Kinsey,                 | Robertson,             |
| Bassett,                  | Lewis,                  | Sawyer,                |
| Bayley,                   | Little,                 | Settle,                |
| Beecher,                  | Lowndes,                | Shaw,                  |
| Bloomfield,               | M'Lane, <i>Del.</i>     | Simkins,               |
| Blount,                   | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>     | Slocumb,               |
| Bryan,                    | M'Coy,                  | S. Smith,              |
| Burwell,                  | Marr,                   | Alex. Smyth,           |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>       | Mason, <i>Mass.</i>     | J. S. Smith,           |
| Cobb,                     | H. Nelson,              | Speed,                 |
| Cook,                     | T. M. Nelson,           | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>  |
| Crawford,                 | New,                    | Storrs,                |
| Culbreth,                 | Newton,                 | Stuart, <i> Md.</i>    |
| Desha,                    | Ogden,                  | Terrell,               |
| Earl,                     | Owen,                   | Trimble,               |
| Edwards,                  | Parrott,                | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>     |
| Garnett,                  | Pegram,                 | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>   |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>        | Peter,                  | Tyler,                 |
| Harrison,                 | Pindall,                | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>   |
| Hogg,                     | Pleasants,              | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> |
| Holmes,                   | Porter,                 | 71                     |

The question was then put to agree to the residue of the said amendment:

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....75,  
Nays.....73.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

|               |                 |                  |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Mr. Adams,    | Mr. Huntington, | Mr. Richards,    |
| Anderson, Pa. | Irving, N. Y.   | Rogers,          |
| Barber, Ohio, | Kirtland,       | Ruggles,         |
| Bateman,      | Lawyer,         | Sampson,         |
| Bennett,      | Lincoln,        | Savage,          |
| Boden,        | Linn,           | Schuyler,        |
| Boss,         | Livermore,      | Scudder,         |
| Comstock,     | W. Maclay,      | Seybert,         |
| Crafts,       | W. P. Maclay,   | Sherwood,        |
| Cushman,      | Marchand,       | Southard,        |
| Darlington,   | Merrill,        | Spencer,         |
| Drake,        | Mills,          | Tallmadge,       |
| Ellicott,     | Robt. Moore,    | Tarr,            |
| Folger,       | Saml. Moore,    | Taylor,          |
| Fuller,       | Morton,         | Terry,           |
| Gilbert,      | Moseley,        | Tompkins,        |
| Hall, Del.    | Murray,         | Townsend,        |
| Hasbrouck,    | Jer. Nelson,    | Wallace,         |
| Hendricks,    | Ogle,           | Wendover,        |
| Herrick,      | Orr,            | Westerlo,        |
| Hiestor,      | Palmer,         | Whiteside,       |
| Hitchcock,    | Patterson,      | Williams, Con.   |
| Hostetter,    | Pawling,        | Williams, N. C.  |
| Hubbard,      | Rice,           | Williams, N. Y.  |
| Hunter,       | Rich,           | Wilson, Penn. 75 |

Those who voted in the negative, are

|                |                  |               |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Mr. Abbot,     | Mr. Butler, Lou. | Mr. Hogg,     |
| Anderson, Ken. | Cobb,            | Holmes,       |
| Anstin,        | Cook,            | Johnson, Va.  |
| Ball,          | Crawford,        | Johnson, Ken. |
| Barbour, Vir.  | Cruger,          | Jones,        |
| Bassett,       | Culbreth,        | Kinsey,       |
| Bayley,        | Desha,           | Lewis,        |
| Beecher,       | Earl,            | Little,       |
| Bloomfield,    | Edwards,         | Lowndes,      |
| Blount,        | Garnett,         | McLane, Del.  |
| Bryan,         | Hall, N. &       | McLean, Ill.  |
| Burwell,       | Harrison,        | McCoy,        |



|                    |                  |                         |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Mr. Marr,          | Mr. Pleasants,   | Mr. Alex. Smyth,        |
| Mason, <i>Mas.</i> | Quarles,         | J. S. Smith,            |
| Middleton,         | Reed, <i>Md.</i> | Speed,                  |
| H. Nelson,         | Reed, <i>Ga.</i> | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>   |
| T. M. Nelson,      | Rhea,            | Storrs,                 |
| Nesbitt,           | Robertson,       | Stuart, <i>Md.</i>      |
| New,               | Sawyer,          | Terrell,                |
| Ogden,             | Settle,          | Trimble,                |
| Owen,              | Shaw,            | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>      |
| Parrott,           | Simkins,         | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>    |
| Pegram,            | Slocumb,         | Tyler,                  |
| Peter,             | S. Smith,        | Walker, <i>N. C.</i> 75 |
| Pindall,           |                  |                         |

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, then moved that the House reconsider the vote last taken on the said amendment.

And on the question, will the House reconsider the said vote?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....77,  
Nays.....79.

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

|                       |                      |                           |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. Abbot,            | Mr. Holmes,          | Mr. Reed, <i>Md.</i>      |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Reed, <i>Ga.</i>          |
| Austin,               | Jones,               | Rhea,                     |
| Ball,                 | Kinsey,              | Ringgold,                 |
| Barbour, <i>Va.</i>   | Lewis,               | Robertson,                |
| Bassett,              | Little,              | Sawyer,                   |
| Bayley,               | Lowndes,             | Settle,                   |
| Beecher,              | M'Lane, <i>Del.</i>  | Shaw,                     |
| Bloomfield,           | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>  | Simkins,                  |
| Blount,               | M'Coy,               | Slocumb,                  |
| Bryan,                | Marr,                | S. Smith,                 |
| Burwell,              | Mason, <i>Mass.</i>  | Alex. Smyth,              |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>   | • Middleton,         | J. S. Smith,              |
| Cobb,                 | H. Nelson,           | Speed,                    |
| Colston,              | T. M. Nelson,        | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>     |
| Cook,                 | Nesbitt,             | Storrs,                   |
| Crawford,             | New,                 | Stewart, <i>Md.</i>       |
| Cruger,               | Newton,              | Terrell,                  |
| Culbreth,             | Ogden,               | Trimble,                  |
| Desha,                | Owen,                | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>        |
| Earl,                 | Parott,              | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>      |
| Edwards,              | Pegram,              | Tyler,                    |
| Garnett,              | Peter,               | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>      |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>    | Pindall,             | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>       |
| Harrison,             | Pleasants,           | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 77 |
| Hogg,                 | Quarles,             |                           |

Those who voted in the negative, are

|                      |                          |                        |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Mr. Adams,           | Mr. Irving, <i>N. Y.</i> | Mr. Richards,          |
| Allen, <i>Mas.</i>   | Johnson, <i>Va.</i>      | Rogers,                |
| Anderson, <i>Pa.</i> | Kirtland,                | Ruggles,               |
| Barber, <i>Ohio,</i> | Lawyer,                  | Sampson,               |
| Bateman,             | Lincoln,                 | Savage,                |
| Bennett,             | Linn,                    | Schuyler,              |
| Boden,               | Livermore,               | Scudder,               |
| Boss,                | W. Maclay,               | Seybert,               |
| Comstock,            | W. P. Maclay,            | Sherwood,              |
| Crafts,              | Marchand,                | Silsbee,               |
| Cushman,             | Mason, <i>R. I.</i>      | Southard,              |
| Darlington,          | Merrill,                 | Spencer,               |
| Drake,               | Mills,                   | Tallmadge,             |
| Folger,              | Robt. Moore,             | Tarr,                  |
| Fuller,              | Saml. Moore,             | Taylor,                |
| Gilbert,             | Morton,                  | Terry,                 |
| Hale,                | Moseley,                 | Tompkins,              |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>    | Murray,                  | Townsend,              |
| Masbrouck,           | Jer. Nelson,             | Upham,                 |
| Hendricks,           | Ogle,                    | Wallace,               |
| Herrick,             | Orr,                     | Wendover,              |
| Hiester,             | Palmer,                  | Westerlo,              |
| Hitchcock,           | Patterson,               | Whiteside,             |
| Hostetter,           | Pawling,                 | Williams, <i>Con.</i>  |
| Hubbard,             | Rice,                    | Williams, <i>N. Y.</i> |
| Hunter,              | Rich,                    | Wilson, <i>Pa.</i>     |
| Huntington,          |                          | 79                     |

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

The said bill was then ordered to lie on the table.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the committee of the whole, to the bill, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states;" and the said amendments being read, were concurred in by the House, with the exception of one, which was rejected.

The said bill was then further amended, and the amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported that the committee had had the state of the Union under consideration and come to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 19, 1849.

Mr. Comstock presented a petition of Elisha Ensign, praying compensation for his property destroyed by the British forces, upon their invasion of the Niagara frontier, in the month of December, 1813, the said property being at the time of destruction, in the occupancy of the army of the United States.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Andrew Montgomery, praying compensation for the service of a negro boy, whom he took as a waiter in the army, and who was captured by the hostile Creeks, in the late war, and remained out of his possession upwards of two years.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Pleasants presented a petition of Erastus Loomis, late an officer of marines, praying to be placed on the list of naval pensioners, in consequence of wounds received in the battle on lake Champlain, between the American and British fleets, on the 11th of September, 1844; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of the General Assembly of the state of Mississippi, praying that provision may be made for quieting the claims to land in that part of said state, formerly comprised within the province of West Florida, derived from the British government, so far as the said grants interfere with those derived from the Spanish government; which said petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Little, from the Joint committee upon the subject of the Public printing, made a report; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, to which was referred, bills of the Senate, of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of David Henley;" and "An act for the relief of James H. Clarke," reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills, respectively, be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade;" whereupon,

Mr. Mills moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; when,

Mr. Colston moved that the said bill lie on the table, which latter motion was rejected.

And the question was then taken, shall the said bill be postponed indefinitely?

And determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the amendment moved to the said

bill, by Mr. Silsbee, on the 17th inst. and being taken to agree to the same,

It passed in the affirmative; and it was then,

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill establishing a separate territorial government, for the southern part of the territory of Missouri; when,

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, to refer the said bill to a select committee, with instructions to strike out of the first section thereof, the following words:

*“ And all children born of slaves, within the said territory, shall be free, but may be held to service until the age of twenty five years;”* and that the said committee have leave to sit during the sitting of the House.

And the question being taken thereon,

There appeared, { Yeas.....88,  
Nays.....88.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbot,  
Anderson, *Ken.*  
Austin,  
Baldwin,  
Ball,  
Barbour, *Va.*  
Bassett,  
Bayley,  
Beecher,  
Bloomfield,  
Blount,  
Bryan,  
Burwell,  
Butler, *Lou.*  
Campbell,  
Cobb,  
Colston,  
Cook,  
Crawford,  
Cruger,  
Davidson,  
Desha,  
Earl,  
Edwards,  
Ervin, *S. C.*

Mr. Fisher,  
Floyd,  
Garnett,  
Hall, *N. C.*  
Harrison,  
Hogg,  
Holmes,  
Johnson, *Vir.*  
Johnson, *Ken.*  
Jones,  
Kinsey,  
Lewis,  
Little,  
Lowndse,  
M'Lane, *Del.*  
M'Lean, *Ill.*  
M'Co'y,  
Marr,  
Mason, *Mass.*  
Mercer,  
Middleton,  
H. Nelson,  
T. M. Nelson,  
Nesbitt,  
New,

Mr. Newton,  
Ogden,  
Owen,  
Parrott,  
Pegram,  
Peter,  
Pindall,  
Pleasants,  
Poindexter,  
Quarles,  
Reed, *Md.*  
Reed, *Ga.*  
Rhea,  
Ringgold,  
Robertson,  
Sawyer,  
Settle,  
Shaw,  
Simkins,  
Slocumb,  
S. Smith,  
Bal. Smith,  
Alex. Smith,  
J. S. Smith,  
Speed,

Mr. Stewart, *N. C.*  
Storrs,  
Strother,  
Stuart, *Md.*  
Terrell,

Mr. Trimble,  
Tucker, *Vir.*  
Tucker, *S. C.*  
Tyler,

Mr. Walker, *N. C.*  
Walker, *Ken.*  
Whitman,  
Williams, *N. C.* 88

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,  
Allen, *Mas.*  
Anderson, *Pa.*  
Barber, *Ohio,*  
Bateman,  
Bennett,  
Boden,  
Boss,  
Clagett,  
Comstock,  
Crafts,  
Cushman,  
Darlington,  
Drake,  
Ellicott,  
Folger,  
Fuller,  
Gage,  
Gilbert,  
Hale,  
Hall, *Del.*  
Hasbrouck,  
Hendricks,  
Herkimer,  
Herrick,  
Hiester,  
Hitchcock,  
Hopkinson,  
Hostetter,  
Hubbard,

Mr. Hunter,  
Huntington,  
Irving, *N. Y.*  
Kirtland,  
Lawyer,  
Lincoln,  
Linn,  
Livermore,  
W. Maclay,  
W. P. Maclay,  
Marchand,  
Mason, *R. I.*  
Merrill,  
Mills,  
Robert Moore,  
Saml. Moore,  
Morton,  
Moseley,  
Murray,  
Jer. Nelson,  
Ogle,  
Orr,  
Palmer,  
Patterson,  
Pawling,  
Pitkin,  
Porter,  
Rice,  
Rich,

Mr. Richards,  
Rogers,  
Ruggles,  
Sampson,  
Savage,  
Schuyler,  
Scudder,  
Sergeant,  
Seybert,  
Sherwood,  
Silsbee,  
Southard,  
Spencer,  
Tallmadge,  
Tarr,  
Taylor,  
Terry,  
Tompkins,  
Townsend,  
Upham,  
Wallace,  
Wendover,  
Westerlo,  
Whiteside,  
Wilkin,  
Williams, *Con.*  
Williams, *N. F.*  
Wilson, *Mass.*  
Wilson, *Pa.* 88

There being an equal division, the Speaker declared himself in the affirmative; and so the said motion was carried; and,

Mr. Robertson, Mr. Silsbee, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Lowndes, were appointed the said committee.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to regulate the pay of the army, when employed on fatigue duty,

An act for the relief of John B. Timberlakes; and,

An act to enable the people of the territory of Alabama, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states, were severally read a third time, the last as amended, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the amendments to the last mentioned bill.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee to whom was this day referred, the bill establishing a separate territorial government for the southern part of the territory of Missouri, with instructions to amend the same, by striking out these words: "*And all children born of slaves within the said territory, shall be free, but may be held to service until the age of twenty-five years,*" reported the same, amended agreeably to the said instructions; and,

The question was then taken, to concur with the Select committee, in striking out the said words;

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 89,  
Nays..... 87.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

|                       |                      |                           |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. Abbot,            | Mr. Harrison,        | Mr. Quarles,              |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Hogg,                | Reed, <i>Md.</i>          |
| Austin,               | Holmes,              | Reed, <i>Ga.</i>          |
| Baldwin,              | Johnson, <i>Va.</i>  | Rhea,                     |
| Ball,                 | Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Ringgold,                 |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i>  | Jones,               | Robertson,                |
| Bassett,              | Kinsey,              | Sawyer,                   |
| Bayley,               | Lewis,               | Settle,                   |
| Beecher,              | Little,              | Shaw,                     |
| Bloomfield,           | Lowndes,             | Simkins,                  |
| Blount,               | M'Lane, <i>Del.</i>  | Slocumb,                  |
| Bryan,                | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>  | S. Smith,                 |
| Burwell,              | M'Coy,               | Bal. Smith,               |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>   | Marr,                | Alex. Smyth,              |
| Campbell,             | Mason, <i>Mass.</i>  | J. S. Smith,              |
| Cobb,                 | Mercer,              | Speed,                    |
| Colston,              | Middleton,           | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>     |
| Cook,                 | H. Nelson,           | Storrs,                   |
| Crawford,             | T. M. Nelson,        | Strother,                 |
| Cruger,               | Nesbitt,             | Stuart, <i>Md.</i>        |
| Culbreth,             | New,                 | Terrell,                  |
| Davidson,             | Newton,              | Trimble,                  |
| Desha,                | Ogden,               | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>        |
| Earl,                 | Owen,                | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>      |
| Edwards,              | Parrott,             | Tyler,                    |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>   | Pegram,              | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>      |
| Fisher,               | Peter,               | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>       |
| Floyd,                | Pindall,             | Whitman,                  |
| Garnett,              | Pleasants,           | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 89 |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>    | Poindexter,          |                           |

Those who voted in the negative, are

|                       |                      |                        |
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| Mr. Adams,            | Mr. Hubbard,         | Mr. Rich,              |
| Allen, <i>Mass.</i>   | Hunter,              | Richards,              |
| Anderson, <i>Pa.</i>  | Huntington,          | Rogers,                |
| Barber, <i>Ohio</i> , | Irving, <i>N. F.</i> | Ruggles,               |
| Bateman,              | Kirtland,            | Savage,                |
| Bennett,              | Lawyer,              | Schuyler,              |
| Boden,                | Lincoln,             | Scudder,               |
| Boss,                 | Linn,                | Sergeant,              |
| Clagett,              | Livermore,           | Seybert,               |
| Comstock,             | W. Maclay,           | Sherwood,              |
| Crafts,               | W. P. Maclay,        | Silsbee,               |
| Cushman,              | Marchand,            | Southward,             |
| Darlington,           | Mason, <i>R. I.</i>  | Spencer,               |
| Drake,                | Merrill,             | Tallmadge,             |
| Ellicott,             | Mills,               | Tarr,                  |
| Folger,               | Robert Moore,        | Taylor,                |
| Fuller,               | Saml. Moore,         | Terry,                 |
| Gage,                 | Morton,              | Tompkins,              |
| Gilbert,              | Moseley,             | Townsend,              |
| Hale,                 | Murray,              | Upham,                 |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>     | Jer. Nelson,         | Wallace,               |
| Hasbrouck,            | Ogle,                | Wendover,              |
| Hendricks,            | Orr,                 | Westerlo,              |
| Herkimer,             | Palmer,              | Whiteside,             |
| Herrick,              | Patterson,           | Wilkin,                |
| Hiester,              | Pawling,             | Williams, <i>Conn.</i> |
| Hitchcock,            | Pitkin,              | Williams, <i>N. F.</i> |
| Hopkinson,            | Porter,              | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i>   |
| Hostetter,            | Rice,                | Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> 87  |

Mr. Taylor then moved the following amendment, to come in as the second section of the said bill:

"And be it further enacted, That neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall hereafter be introduced into the said territory, otherwise than for the punishment of crimes, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted."

The said amendment was read; when,

Mr. Mercer moved to amend the same, by adding thereto, the following proviso: "Provided, that nothing herein shall divest the present inhabitants of Arkansas, of their rights of property, in the slaves which they now hold, or the natural increase thereof, nor to entitle to his freedom, any slave carried therein and held there for a period not exceeding nine months."

And the question being taken to agree to the said proviso,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken, to agree to the amendment moved by Mr. Taylor;

And was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....86,  
Nays.....90.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,  
Allen,  
Anderson, *Pa.*  
Barber, *Ohio*,  
Bateman,  
Bennett,  
Boden,  
Boss,  
Clagett,  
Comstock,  
Crafts,  
Cushman,  
Darlington,  
Drake,  
Ellicott,  
Folger,  
Fuller,  
Gage,  
Gilbert,  
Hale,  
Hall, *Del.*  
Hasbrouck,  
Hendricks,  
Herkimer,  
Herrick,  
Hiester,  
Hitchcock,  
Hopkinson,  
Hestetter,

Mr. Hubbard,  
Hunter,  
Huntington,  
Irving, *N. Y.*  
Kirtland,  
Lawyer,  
Lincoln,  
Linn,  
Livermore,  
W. Maclay,  
W. P. Maclay,  
Marchand,  
Mason, *R. I.*  
Merrill,  
Mills,  
Robt. Moore,  
Saml. Moore,  
Morton,  
Moseley,  
Murray,  
Jer. Nelson,  
Ogle,  
Orr,  
Palmer,  
Patterson,  
Pawling,  
Pitkin,  
Rice,  
Rich,

Mr. Richards,  
Rogers,  
Ruggles,  
Sampson,  
Savage,  
Schuyler,  
Scudder,  
Sergeant,  
Seybert,  
Sherwood,  
Silsbee,  
Southard,  
Spencer,  
Tallmadge,  
Tarr,  
Taylor,  
Terry,  
Tompkins,  
Townsend,  
Upham,  
Wallace,  
Wendover,  
Westerlo,  
Whiteside,  
Wilkin,  
Williams, *Con.*  
Williams, *N. Y.*  
Wilson, *Penn.* 86

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbot,  
Anderson, *Kea.*  
Austin,  
Baldwin,  
Ball,  
Barbour, *Vir.*  
Bassett,  
Bayley,  
Beecher,  
Bloomfield,

Mr. Blount,  
Bryan,  
Burwell,  
Butler, *Low.*  
Campbell,  
Cobb,  
Colston,  
Cook,  
Crawford,  
Cruger,

Mr. Culbreth,  
Davidson,  
Desha,  
Earl,  
Edwards,  
Ervin, *S. C.*  
Fisher,  
Floyd,  
Garnett,  
Hall, *N. C.*



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| Mr. Harrison,        | Mr. New,         | Mr. Simkins,              |
| Hogg,                | Newton,          | Slocumb,                  |
| Holmes,              | Ogden,           | S. Smith,                 |
| Johnson, <i>Va.</i>  | Owen,            | Bal. Smith,               |
| Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Parrott,         | Alex. Smyth,              |
| Jones,               | Pegram,          | J. S. Smith,              |
| Kinsey,              | Peter,           | Speed,                    |
| Lewis,               | Pindall,         | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>     |
| Little,              | Pleasants,       | Storrs,                   |
| Lowndes,             | Poindexter,      | Strother,                 |
| M'Lane, <i>Del.</i>  | Porter,          | Stuart, <i>Md.</i>        |
| M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>  | Quarles,         | Terrell,                  |
| M'Coy,               | Reed, <i>Md.</i> | Trimble,                  |
| Marr,                | Reed, <i>Ga.</i> | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>        |
| Mason, <i>Mas.</i>   | Rhea,            | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>      |
| Mercer,              | Ringgold,        | Tyler,                    |
| Middleton,           | Robertson,       | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>      |
| H. Nelson,           | Sawyer,          | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>       |
| T. M. Nelson,        | Settle,          | Whitman,                  |
| Nesbitt,             | Shaw,            | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 90 |

It was then

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act, supplementary to the act, entitled an act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts." They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices, for the disposal of the public lands, not heretofore offered for sale, in the states of Ohio, and Indiana;" and "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bills from the Senate, were severally read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 20, 1819.

Mr. Richards presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Vermont, praying that a duty of two dollars per ream may be imposed on paper imported into the United States; which was referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of Moses M. Chamberlain, administrator of Josiah Tuttle, deceased, stating that the United States have recovered a judgment against the estate, of the deceased, for one thousand dollars; that the said estate is insufficient to

satisfy said judgment, and that owing to the ignorance of the petitioner, in defending the suit, he is likely to be made liable in his own person, to satisfy the balance of said judgment, and praying relief from Congress; which was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of Obadiah Bass, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rich from the committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Rees Hill," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the committee of Claims, made at the last session, on the case of Mary Sears, and William B. Stokes.

Mr. Hubbard, from the committee on so much of the Public Accounts and Expenditures, as relate to the Post Office Department, made a detailed report, accompanied with sundry documents and statements; which was received; when,

Mr. Hubbard reported a bill, to amend an act, entitled "An act regulating the Post Office establishment," passed 30th of April, 1810; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to which was referred, the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act regulating passenger ships and vessels," made a report on the said amendments; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of Ruth Reed; which was read; when,

Mr. Johnson reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of William Reed, deceased; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also, reported a bill in addition to an act, supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson;" which was read the first and second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills, of the following titles, viz:

An act supplemental to the act, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington,"

An act for the relief of John Clark,

An act providing for a grant of land for the seat of government

in the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state,

An act authorizing the President of the United States, to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the 3d of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors, or other Indians, of the Creek nation,

An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government,

An act directing the payment of certain bills drawn by general Armstrong, in favor of William Morgan,

An act providing additional penalties for false entries for the benefit of drawback or bounty on exportation,

An act for the relief of Henry Davis,

An act for the relief of Benjamin Pool; and,

An act for the relief of Adam Kinsley, Thomas French, and Charles S. Leonard.

Mr. Pleasants submitted a joint resolution, declaring the manner in which the vessels composing the navy of the United States shall be named, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions of Kenzie and Forsyth, Kinsley and French, and Charles S. Leonard.

The House again took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade;" and the said bill being further amended, the amendments were ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time, to-day.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act establishing a separate territorial government, in the southern part of the territory of Missouri," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had again had the state of the Union under consideration and come to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 22, 1819.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of George P. Peters, a captain of artillery, and late a paymaster in the army of the United States, stating that in settling his accounts he is unable to account for a deficiency of one thousand dollars, which he alleges was either not received by him, or if received, was stolen from him in the hurry of business, and praying to be exonerated from his liability for said sum.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of Samuel Demarest, praying compensation for a store and other property destroyed at Plattsburg, by order of general Macomb, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of Joseph Roby, a soldier and an officer in the revolutionary war, praying for a pension.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented a petition of Peter Snyder, praying compensation for work done in the cooper's department in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Storrs presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Oneida, Jefferson, and Oswego, in the state of New York, praying that provision may be made for opening and constructing a military road from Rome to Sackett's Harbor, in said state; which petitions were referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Storrs presented documents in support of the petition of Elias Parks; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Darlington presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Chester County, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. McCoy presented a petition of John Guthrey, senior, praying to be paid the amount of certain loan office certificates, granted to him for services in the revolutionary army, which said certificates he destroyed in a fit of insanity.

Ordered. That the said petition be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Rich, from the committee of Claims, to which was referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Michael Hogan," and "An act for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Ronde;" reported the said bills with an amendment to each; when it was

Ordered, That the said bills be committed to the same committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Terry, from the committee, to which was referred the petition of the Connecticut Asylum, for the education and instruction of deaf and dumb persons, made a report, which was read; when,

Mr. Terry, (by leave of the House,) reported a bill in behalf of the Connecticut Asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Poindexter, from the Joint committee, appointed to inquire and report what business it will be necessary to act upon during the

present session, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Waterford, through Orange to Balston, in New York.

Mr. Poindexter submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the usual call for petitions, be dispensed with, during the remainder of the present session of Congress.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, east, in the City of Washington; and,

An act, supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts;" and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 20th instant, approve and sign enrolled bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Henry Davis,

An act for the relief of Adam Kinsley, Thomas French, and Charles S. Leonard,

An act directing the payment of certain bills drawn by general Armstrong in favor of William Morgan,

An act for the relief of Benjamin Pool; and,

An act providing additional penalties for false entries, for the benefit of drawback, or bounty on exportation.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the judges of the courts of the several districts of the United States, be requested to prepare and transmit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as early as may be, at the next session of Congress, a schedule of fees of office, proper to be allowed and taxed for the officers of their courts respectively: And that the Clerk of this House, cause each of said judges to be furnished with a copy of this resolution.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions of Bissell Phelps and John Powell, with the accompanying documents.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act for the

relief of Benjamin Wells," be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The said bill was then taken up, read, amended, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade," was read the third time, as amended; and passed.

Ordered. That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the amendments to the said bill.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson,'" was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered. That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of William Reed, deceased," was read the third time.

And on the question, Shall the said bill pass?

It was determined in the negative; and so the said bill was rejected.

An engrossed "resolution declaring the manner in which the vessels composing the navy of the United States shall be named," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth,

An act to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, east, in the City of Washington,

An act making provision for the claim of M. de Vienne.

An act making provision for the claim of M. Poirey.

An act concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased,

An act allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating military land warrants,

An act for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervcy; and,

An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts."

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury, be instructed to inform this House, whether any, and, if any, what part of the balances transferred from the Treasury to the United States' bank, under the second proposition of its agreement with the receiving banks, of the 31st January, 1817, were drawn from the bank of the United

States by any department of government, between the 31st January, and 1st of July, 1817, exclusive of the sums required by the Treasury, under the exception contained in the second proposition.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury, be instructed to inform this House, whether any, and, if any, what part of the balances transferred from the state banks to the bank of the United States, under the second article of the compact between them, for which balances, the bank of the United States was to receive interest, were retained by the bank of the United States as special deposits, for which it was not obliged to pay specie upon demand.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 23, 1819.

Mr. Mills presented a petition of Eliab Alvord, Lemuel Allis, Cotton Dickinson, Ralph Way, and Joshua Boston, soldiers in the revolutionary army, praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Revolutionary Pensions

The Speaker presented a petition of Alberto Gracia da Silveira, on behalf of the owners of the cargo of the Portuguese brig Globo, stating that the said brig and cargo were captured on the high seas, by a privateer commissioned by general Artigas, a chief, claiming an independent jurisdiction, on the eastern shore of the river La Plata, in South America, and sent into the port of Charleston, in South Carolina, where they were ransomed on behalf of the original owners; that before the said ransom was effected, the cargo had been sold, and the proceeds deposited in court to await the issue of the trial pending in the case, and praying for a remission of the duties imposed on the said cargo, which amount to the sum of 10,700 dollars.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Louis Peteille, praying compensation for his houses and other property at Chicago, in the territory of Michigan, which were used and destroyed by the forces of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain; as also for property destroyed and carried off by the Indians, in the said war; which said petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize William Prout to institute a bill in equity before the Cir-

cuit Court of the District of Columbia, against the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-day.

Mr. Rich, from the committee of Claims, reported a bill for the relief of George M. Brook and Edmund P. Kennedy; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Canals be discharged from the further consideration of all the petitions, memorials and other matters to them referred at the present session, upon which they have not acted, and that the same be laid on the table.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and papers of Joseph Anderson.

Mr. Livermore moved the House to postpone until to-morrow, the several orders of the day, which precede the bill to alter and establish certain post roads; which motion was rejected.

Mr. Livermore then moved that the committee of the whole, to which the said bill is committed, be discharged, and that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; which motion was also rejected.

A motion was made by Mr. Rich, that the House reconsider the vote taken yesterday, on the question, shall the bill for the relief of the heirs of William Reed, deceased, pass?

And the question being taken, will the House reconsider the said vote?

It passed in the affirmative; and it was then

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled an act for the relief of Benjamin Wells," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize William Prout, to institute a suit in equity, before the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, against the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider the report of the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, on the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act regulating passenger ships and vessels;" and the said report and amendments being read; whereupon,

Resolved, That this House concur in the amendments of the Senate, to the said bill, except the sixth, and in that with the amendments recommended by the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.



Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the amendments to the said sixth amendment.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed, the bill to extend the privilege of franking, to the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, be discharged.

The House then took up, and proceeded to consider the said bill, and having amended the same,

Mr. Garnett moved further to amend, by adding thereto, the provisions contained in the bill freeing from postage, letters and packets to and from certain officers of Agricultural Societies.

And the question being taken, so to amend,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken, shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And determined in the negative.

*And so the said bill was rejected.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States, did, on the 20th inst. approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government,

An act authorizing the President of the United States, to purchase the lands reserved by the act of the 3d of March, 1817, to certain chiefs, warriors or other Indians of the Creek nation,

An act supplemental to the act, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington,"

An act providing for a grant of land, for the seat of government of the state of Mississippi, and for the support of a seminary of learning within the said state; and,

An act for the relief of John Clark.

The Senate concur in the amendments proposed by this House, to bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act, supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade;" and "An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states." They have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act to authorize the Postmaster General, to contract as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats, between New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky;" and they have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to repeal part of an act, passed on the 27th day of February, 1813, entitled An act in addition to an act regulating the Post Office establishment,

An act for the benefit of Jacob Purkill; and,

An act respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale, or to be held to labor; in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 24, 1819.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the compensation of the surveyor of the port of Patuxet, in Rhode Island," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana," reported the same with an amendment, which was read, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Poindexter, from the same committee, to which was also referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act respecting the location of certain sections of land to be granted for the seat of government in the state of Indiana," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of live oak timber for naval purposes," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill, authorizing the purchase of live oak timber, for building small vessels of war.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee, to whom was referred on the 23d of November last, the memorial of William Lambert, made a report, accompanied with a joint resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause astronomical observations to be made, to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol in the City of Washington, from some known meridian in Europe; which said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to reduce the duties on certain wines, and to declare free of

duty, books printed in foreign languages, be discharged, and that the said bill lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act allowing further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants,

An act for the relief of Kenzie and Forsyth,

An act for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey,

An act concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased,

An act making provision for the claim of M. de Vienne,

An act making provision for the claim of M. Poiray,

An act to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, east, in the City of Washington; and,

An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts."

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an abstract of the official emoluments and expenditures of the officers of the customs, for the year 1818, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a list rendered by the Register of the Treasury, of balances on his books, which appear to have been due more than three years prior to the 30th September last, or to have remained unsettled on that day; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Daniel Simonds, presented at the last session.

Mr. Little moved that the House do now proceed to consider the report of the Joint committee on the subject of the public printing.

And the question being taken to consider the said report,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Trimble,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House, at the next session of Congress, any information which may be in his power, touching the causes of the imprisonment of ——— White, an American citizen at Buenos Ayres.

Mr. Trimble and Mr. Quarles were appointed a committee to present the above resolution to the President.

Ordered, That the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, be discharge from the further consideration of the petition of John Guthrey.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for the relief of Jacob Purkill,
2. An act to repeal part of an act passed on the 27th day of February, 1813, entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the post office establishment;" and,
3. An act respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale or to be held to labor, were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the *first* to the committee of Claims; the *second* to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads; and the *third* to the committee on the Judiciary.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Brook and Edmund P. Kennedy," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the amendments proposed by this House, to their sixth amendment to the bill, entitled "An act regulating passenger ships and vessels." They have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1819," with amendments. They have also passed bills and a resolution of the following titles, to wit:

An act providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department,

An act in addition to "An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases,"

An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy; and,

A resolution requesting the President of the United States to employ an artist to ascertain the latitude of 36 degrees 30 minutes north, on the west bank of Tennessee river; in which amendments, bills and resolution, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had again had the state of the Union under consideration, and disagreed to the resolutions submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Virginia, on the 9th instant, for a repeal of the act incorporating the subscribers to the bank of the United States, as also, to the resolution submitted by Mr. Trimble, on the 19th ultimo, directing a *seire facias* to be issued against the said bank, to show cause why its charter should not be declared forfeited. Mr. Smith, also reported the bill to enforce the provisions of the act entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers, to the Bank of the United States," which relate to the right of voting for directors; with amendments.

Mr. Spencer moved that the whole report of the committee of whole on the state of the Union, be laid on the table; when,

Mr. Harrison called for a division of the question, on the motion to lay the whole report on the table, so as to except from its effects, so much of the said report as relates to the resolutions of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Trimble; on which,

The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 25, 1819.

Ordered. That Mr. Simkins, have leave of absence from the service of this House, from this day, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of John Campbell, late captain, and Alvin Day, late lieutenant of a company of volunteers, in the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, praying compensation for the full term of the service of the said company.

Mr. Hitchcock also presented a petition of Elijah Coleman, praying compensation for his services as a surgeon of militia, in the services of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain; as also, for losses sustained while in said service.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of William Little, and G. Turner, on behalf of themselves and their associates, praying for a grant of the land therein described, to enable them to connect by canals, the waters of lake Erie, with those falling into the river Ohio; which said petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making further provisions for the sale of the public lands," reported the same with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions, memorials and other subjects to them referred at the present session, upon which they have not acted, and that the same be laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, in answer to the resolution of the House, of the 23d inst. requiring information, whether any, and, if any, what part of the balances from the state banks, to the bank of the United States, under the 2d article of the compact between them, for which balances the bank of the United States was to receive interest, were retained by the bank of the United States, as special deposits; which letter was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, in answer to another resolution of the 22d inst. requiring information, whether any, and, if any, what part of the balances transferred from the Treasury, to the bank of the United States, under the second proposition of its agreement with the receiving banks, of the 31st of January, 1817, were drawn from the bank of the United States, by any department of government, between the 31st January and 1st July, 1817, exclusive of the sums required by the Treasury, under the exception contained in the second proposition; which letter was read and also ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Livermore from the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal part of an act passed on the 27th day of February, 1813, entitled an act, in addition to an act regulating the post office establishment," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which were referred, bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Samuel Ward," and "An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Nicholas Vreeland, deceased," reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be respectively committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

The amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1819," were read and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department,

2. An act in addition to "An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases,"

3. An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy; and,

4. An act to continue in force for a further term, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes; and for other purposes," were severally read the first and second time and referred, the *first* and *second* to the committee of Ways and Means, the *third* to the committee on the Judiciary, and the *fourth* to the committee on Indian Affairs.

The resolution from the Senate, "requesting the President to employ an artist to ascertain the latitude of 36 degrees 30 minutes north, on the west bank of the Tennessee river," was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to designate the

boundaries of districts and establish land offices, for the disposal of the public lands, not heretofore offered for sale, in the states of Ohio and Indiana," was read a third time, as amended; and being on its passage, Mr. Strother moved that the said bill be laid upon the table; which motion was rejected;

And the question being taken, shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the said amendments.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act respecting the location of certain lands to be granted for the seat of government in the state of Indiana," was also read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed "Resolution requesting the President of the United States, to cause astronomical observations to be made to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol in the City of Washington, from some known meridian in Europe," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report of the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union, made yesterday, on several subjects referred to it in relation to the bank of the United States; when,

Mr. Spencer withdrew his motion to lay the said report upon the table.

The question was then taken, to concur with the committee of the whole in their disagreement to the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Virginia, in the following words, to wit:

*Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill, to repeal the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," approved April 10th 1816;*

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....121,  
Nays..... 30.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbot,  
Adams,  
Anderson, *Ken.*  
Bateman,  
Bayley,  
Beecher,  
Bennett,  
Bloomfield,

Mr. Boss,  
Bryan,  
Butler, *Lou.*  
Campbell,  
Clagett,  
Cobb,  
Colston,  
Comstock,

Mr. Crafts,  
Cruger,  
Cushman,  
Darlington,  
Davidson,  
Earl,  
Ervine, *S. C.*  
Fisher,

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| Mr. Folger,         | Mr. Murray,      | Mr. Silsbee,           |
| Fuller,             | Jer. Nelson,     | Simkins,               |
| Gage,               | H. Nelson,       | Slocumb,               |
| Gilbert,            | New,             | S. Smith,              |
| Hale,               | Newton,          | Bal. Smith,            |
| Herkimer,           | Orr,             | Alex. Smyth,           |
| Hitchcock,          | Owen,            | J. S. Smith,           |
| Holmes,             | Parott,          | Southard,              |
| Hopkinson,          | Pawling,         | Speed,                 |
| Hubbard,            | Peter,           | Spencer,               |
| Hunter,             | Pitkin,          | Storrs,                |
| Huntington,         | Pleasants,       | Strother,              |
| Jones,              | Polndexter,      | Stewart, <i>Md.</i>    |
| Kinsey,             | Porter,          | Tallmadge,             |
| Kirtland,           | Quarles,         | Tarr,                  |
| Lawyer,             | Reed, <i>Md.</i> | Taylor,                |
| Lewis,              | Reed, <i>Ga.</i> | Terrell,               |
| Linn,               | Rhea,            | Terry,                 |
| Little,             | Rice,            | Tompkins,              |
| Livermore,          | Rich,            | Townsend,              |
| Lowndes,            | Ringgold,        | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>   |
| McLane, <i>Del.</i> | Robertson,       | Tyler,                 |
| W. Maclay,          | Rogers,          | Upham,                 |
| W. P. Maclay,       | Ruggles,         | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>   |
| McCoy,              | Sampson,         | Wallace,               |
| Mason, <i>Mass.</i> | Savage,          | Wendover,              |
| Mason, <i>R. I.</i> | Sawyer,          | Whiteside,             |
| Mercer,             | Scudder,         | Whitman,               |
| Middleton,          | Sergeant,        | Wilkin,                |
| Mills,              | Settle,          | Williams, <i>Conn.</i> |
| Saml. Moore,        | Shaw,            | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> |
| Morton,             | Sherwood,        | Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> 121 |
| Moseley,            |                  |                        |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Allen, <i>Mass.</i> | Mr. Desha,          | Mr. Marchand,             |
| Austin,                 | Garnett,            | Robt. Moore,              |
| Baldwin,                | Hall, <i>N. C.</i>  | T. M. Nelson,             |
| Ball,                   | Harrison,           | Patterson,                |
| Barbour, <i>Va.</i>     | Hendricks,          | Pegram,                   |
| Barber, <i>Ohio,</i>    | Herrick,            | Pindall,                  |
| Bassett,                | Hogg,               | Seybert,                  |
| Blount,                 | Hostetter,          | Trimble,                  |
| Boden,                  | Johnson, <i>Va.</i> | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>       |
| Burwell,                | McLean, <i>Ill.</i> | Williams, <i>N. Y.</i> 30 |

And so this resolution was rejected.

The question was then taken, also, to concur with the committee of the whole, in their disagreement to the resolution submitted by Mr. Trimble, in the following words, to-wit:



*Resolved by the the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney General of the United States, in conjunction with the District Attorney of the state of Pennsylvania, shall immediately cause a scire facias to be issued, according to the 23d section of the "Act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;" calling on the corporation created by the said act, to shew cause wherefore the charter thereby granted shall not be declared forfeited; and that it shall be the duty of the said officers to cause such proceedings to be had in the premises, as shall be necessary to obtain a final judgment thereon; for the expenses of which Congress will hereafter provide.*

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....116,  
Nays..... 39.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,     | Mr. Herkimer, | Mr. H. Nelson, |
| Adams,         | Holmes,       | Newton,        |
| Allen,         | Hopkinson,    | Ogden,         |
| Anderson, Pa.  | Hubbard,      | Orr,           |
| Anderson, Ken. | Hunter,       | Owen,          |
| Baldwin,       | Huntington,   | Parrott,       |
| Bateman,       | Jones,        | Pawling,       |
| Bayley,        | Kinsey,       | Peter,         |
| Bennett,       | Kirtland,     | Pitkin,        |
| Bloomfield,    | Lawyer,       | Pleasants,     |
| Boss,          | Lewis,        | Poindexter,    |
| Bryan,         | Lincoln,      | Porter,        |
| Clagett,       | Linn,         | Quarles,       |
| Cobb,          | Little,       | Reed, Md.      |
| Colston,       | Lowndes,      | Reed, Ga.      |
| Comstock,      | McLane, Del.  | Rice,          |
| Crafts,        | W. Maclay,    | Rich,          |
| Cruger,        | W. P. Maclay, | Ringgold,      |
| Cushman,       | McCoy,        | Robertson,     |
| Darlington,    | Mason, Mas.   | Ruggles,       |
| Davidson,      | Mason, R. I.  | Sampson,       |
| Earl,          | Mercer,       | Savage,        |
| Edwards,       | Merrill,      | Sawyer,        |
| Fisher,        | Middleton,    | Scudder,       |
| Folger,        | Mills,        | Sergeant,      |
| Fuller,        | Saml. Moore,  | Settle,        |
| Gage,          | Morton,       | Shaw,          |
| Garnett,       | Moseley,      | Sherwood,      |
| Gilbert,       | Murray,       | Silsbee,       |
| Hale,          | Jer. Nelson,  | Simkins,       |

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| Mr. Slocumb,<br>S. Smith,<br>Bal. Smith,<br>Alex. Smyth,<br>J. S. Smith,<br>Southard,<br>Storrs,<br>Strother,<br>Stuart, Md. | Mr. Tallmadge,<br>Taylor,<br>Terrell,<br>Terry,<br>Tompkins,<br>Townsend,<br>Tucker, Va.<br>Tucker, S. C.<br>Upham, | Mr. Walker, N. C.<br>Wallace,<br>Wendover,<br>Whitman,<br>Wilkin,<br>Williams, Con.<br>Wilson, Mass.<br>Wilson, Penn. 116 |
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Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Austin,<br>Ball,<br>Barbour, Vir.<br>Barber, Ohio,<br>Bassett,<br>Blount,<br>Boden,<br>Burwell,<br>Butler, Lou.<br>Campbell,<br>Desha,<br>Ervin, S. C.<br>Floyd, | Mr. Hall, N. C.<br>Harrison,<br>Hendricks,<br>Herrick,<br>Hitchcock,<br>Hogg,<br>Hostetter,<br>Johnson, Va.<br>McLean, Ill.<br>Marchand,<br>Marr,<br>Robt. Moore,<br>T. M. Nelson, | Mr. Patterson,<br>Pegram,<br>Pindall,<br>Rhea,<br>Rogers,<br>Speed,<br>Spencer,<br>Tarr,<br>Trimble,<br>Tyler,<br>Walker, Ken.<br>Williams, N. I.<br>Williams, N. C. 39 |
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*And so this resolution was also rejected.*

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the amendments reported by the committee of the whole on the state of the Union, to the bill to enforce those provisions of the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States," which relate to the right of voting for directors; when,

Mr. Storrs moved that the said bill and amendments lie on the table; which was rejected.

And a motion was made by Mr. Pindall to refer the said bill to the committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to amend the same by additional sections;

*First, To prohibit the offence of usury, and to declare the punishment thereof, when committed by the Bank of the United States or its branches, or by the directors, officers or agents thereof, whilst employed for, or on behalf of the bank, and to prescribe the mode of prosecution for such offence.*

*Secondly, To prohibit the establishment or continuance by the said bank, of any office of discount or deposit, in any state, after the first day of February, in the year 1820, unless by the consent of the legislature of such state.*

The question being stated to agree to the reference of the said bill with the instructions above?

Mr. Harrison moved that the bill be postponed indefinitely; which was rejected.

And the question was taken to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Pindall?

And determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the first amendment of the committee of the whole, to which Mr. Spencer moved an amendment; when,

Mr. Baldwin moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; which was again rejected;

And the amendment moved by Mr. Spencer, was agreed to.

The first amendment to the said bill being further amended, was agreed to as amended; and the residue of the amendments reported by the committee of the whole, were also agreed to with amendments.

A motion was made by Mr. Storrs, further to amend the said bill, by striking out from the first section thereof, these words: "*and that in voting at this election, I shall not in any manner violate the first fundamental article of the 'Act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States.'*" This motion was rejected; when,

Mr. Terry moved to amend the said first section by striking out these words: "*that I have no interest, directly or indirectly, in the shares upon which I shall vote in this election, as attorney for others; that those shares are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, truly and in good faith, owned by the persons in whose names they now stand; and that in voting at this election, I shall not in any manner violate the first fundamental article of the 'Act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;'*" and in lieu thereof to insert: "*that I have not transferred, nor procured to be transferred, the shares upon which I shall vote at this election as attorney for others, to the persons in whose names such shares now stand, nor were the same subscribed in the name of such persons, for the purpose or with the intent to increase the number of votes which I am entitled by law to give, but according to my best knowledge and belief, such persons are bona fide, owners of such shares, or have an interest therein.*"

Mr. Harrison again moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; which motion was again rejected.

And the question was then taken, to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Terry:

And determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Johnson, of Virginia, further to amend the said bill, by adding thereto, the following as the fourth section thereof:

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That if any person shall, directly or indirectly, give any sum or sums of money, or any other bribe, present or reward, or any promise, contract, obligation or security, for the payment or delivery of any money, present or re-

ward, or any thing to obtain or procure the opinion, vote or interest of the president of the Bank of the United States, or either of the directors thereof, or the president or a director of either of the branches of the said bank in any election, question, matter or thing which shall come before the said president and directors for decision in relation to the interest and management of the said bank, and shall be thereof convicted. such person or persons, so giving, promising, contracting, or securing to be given, paid or delivered, any sum or sums of money, present, reward, or other bribe as aforesaid, and the president or director, who shall in anywise accept or receive the same, on conviction thereof, shall be fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court, and shall be forever disqualified to hold any office of trust or profit under the said corporation, and shall also forever be disqualified to hold any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States.

And the question being taken to agree to the said section;

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....98,  
Nays.....26.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Anderson, <i>Pa.</i> | Mr. Harrison,        | Mr. Murray,      |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i>    | Hendricks,           | Jer. Nelson      |
| Austin,                  | Herrick,             | H. Nelson,       |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i>     | Hitchcock,           | T. M. Nelson,    |
| Bassett,                 | Hogg,                | Newton,          |
| Bayley,                  | Hostetter,           | Orr,             |
| Beecher,                 | Irving, <i>N. Y.</i> | Patterson,       |
| Bennett,                 | Johnson, <i>Va.</i>  | Pegram,          |
| Bloomfield,              | Jones,               | Peter,           |
| Blount,                  | Kinsey,              | Pindall,         |
| Boss,                    | Lawyer,              | Pitkin,          |
| Bryan,                   | Linn,                | Porter,          |
| Burwell,                 | Little,              | Reed, <i>Md.</i> |
| Butler, <i>Low.</i>      | Livermore,           | Reed, <i>Ga.</i> |
| Campbell,                | Lowndes,             | Rhea,            |
| Cobb,                    | M'Lane, <i>Del.</i>  | Rich,            |
| Crawford,                | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>  | Richards,        |
| Cruger,                  | W. P. Maclay,        | Ringgold,        |
| Davidson,                | M'Coy,               | Robertson,       |
| Desha,                   | Mercer,              | Rogers,          |
| Garnett,                 | Merrill,             | Ruggles,         |
| Gilbert,                 | Mills,               | Sampson,         |
| Hale,                    | Saml. Moore,         | Savage,          |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>       | Moseley,             | Sawyer           |

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| Mr. Scudder, | Mr. Storrs,          | Mr. Walker, <i>N. C.</i> |
| Settle,      | Strother,            | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>      |
| Seybert,     | Stuart, <i>Md.</i>   | Wendover,                |
| Shaw,        | Tarr,                | Whitman,                 |
| Slocumb,     | Taylor,              | Williams, <i>Conn.</i>   |
| S. Smith,    | Terrell,             | Williams, <i>N. Y.</i>   |
| Alex. Smyth, | Tompkins,            | Williams, <i>N. C.</i>   |
| Speed,       | Townsend,            | Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> 98    |
| Spencer,     | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i> |                          |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,  | Mr. Hopkinson,      | Mr. Pawung, |
| Adams,      | Hubbard,            | Poindexter, |
| Baldwin,    | Huntington,         | Rice,       |
| Clagett,    | Kirtland,           | Southward,  |
| Colston,    | W. Maclay,          | Terry,      |
| Crafts,     | Mason, <i>Mass.</i> | Wallace,    |
| Darlington, | Morton,             | Whitman,    |
| Folger,     | Ogden,              | Wilkin, 26  |
| Holmes,     | Palmer,             |             |

A motion was made by Mr. Poindexter to add to the said bill the following, viz:

That this act shall commence and be in force when the same shall have been assented to by a majority of the stockholders of the Bank of the United States; which motion was rejected.

And the question was then taken, Shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....98,  
Nays..... 38.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Adams,            | Mr. Campbell,      | Mr. Harrison,        |
| Anderson, <i>Pa.</i>  | Cobb,              | Hogg,                |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Colston,           | Holmes,              |
| Austin,               | Crawford,          | Hostetter,           |
| Bateman,              | Cruger,            | Hubbard,             |
| Bayley,               | Davidson,          | Irving, <i>N. Y.</i> |
| Beecher,              | Desha,             | Jones,               |
| Bennett,              | Fisher,            | Kinsey,              |
| Bloomfield,           | Floyd,             | Lawyer,              |
| Blount,               | Gilbert,           | Lewis,               |
| Bryan,                | Hale,              | Linn,                |
| Burwell,              | Hall, <i>N. C.</i> | Little,              |

Mr. Livermore,  
Lowndes,  
M'Lane, *Del.*  
M'Lean, *Ill.*  
W. P. Maclay,  
M'Coy,  
Middleton,  
Mills,  
Saml. Moore,  
Jer. Nelson,  
H. Nelson,  
T. M. Nelson,  
Neabitt,  
Newton,  
Orr,  
Owen,  
Palmer,  
Patterson,  
Pegram,  
Peter,  
Pindall,

Mr. Pitkin,  
Reed, *Md.*  
Reed, *Ga.*  
Rhea,  
Rich,  
Richards,  
Robertson,  
Rogers,  
Ruggles,  
Sampson,  
Savage,  
Sawyer,  
Scudder,  
Settle,  
Seybert,  
Shaw,  
Simkins,  
Slocumb,  
Alex. Smith,  
J. S. Smith,  
Speed,



Mr. Spencer,  
Stewart, *N. C.*  
Storrs,  
Stuart, *Md.*  
Tallmadge,  
Tarr,  
Taylor,  
Tompkins,  
Townsend,  
Tucker, *Vir.*  
Tucker, *S. C.*  
Walker, *N. C.*  
Walker, *Ken.*  
Wallace,  
Wendover,  
Whiteside,  
Whitman,  
Williams, *N. Y.*  
Williams, *N. C.*  
Wilson, *Pa.* 98

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barbour, *Va.*  
Bassett,  
Boss,  
Butler, *Low.*  
Clagett,  
Crafts,  
Darlington,  
Folger,  
Garnett,  
Hendricks,  
Hitchcock,  
Hopkinson,  
Huntington,

Mr. Johnson, *Vir.*  
Kirtland,  
W. Maclay,  
Mason, *Mass.*  
Mason, *R. I.*  
Mercer,  
Morton,  
Moseley,  
Ogden,  
Parrott,  
Pawling,  
Poindexter,  
Rice,

Mr. Ringgold,  
Schuyler,  
Sergeant,  
Sherwood,  
Silsbee,  
S. Smith,  
Southard,  
Strother,  
Terrell,  
Terry,  
Westerlo,  
Williams, *Con.* 38

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill to reduce the duties on certain wines, and to declare free of duty, books printed in foreign languages, and the said bill being amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements which have been prepared in obedience to the act of the 2d of March, 1792, entitled "An act establishing the mint of the United States," which letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War transmitting statements of contracts made by officers of

the War Department, for and on behalf of the United States, in the year 1818 which letter was also read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the Public Buildings; for the purchase of a lot of land, and furnishing a supply of water for the use of certain Public Buildings; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. McCoy reported the said bill with amendments, which were read and concurred in, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille,

An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain,

An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslande,

An act for the relief of Joseph M. Neil,

An act for the relief of Eli Hart,

An act for the relief of Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Booth,

An act for the relief of John Rodriguez,

An act for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud;  
and,

An act to regulate and fix the salaries and compensation of the registers and receivers of public moneys in the land offices; in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

And the House adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, February 26, 1819.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred, bills from the Senate, of the following titles, to wit: "An act to protect the commerce of the United States and punish the crime of piracy;" and "An act respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale, or to be held to labor," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the former of the said bills be read a third time to day, and that the latter lie on the table.

Mr. Rich, from the committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Gabriel Godfroy," made a report recommending that the said bill be rejected.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Rich, from the same committee, to which was also referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathan Ford," reported the same with amendments.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Picasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the petition of James Warren, an officer in the

naval service in the revolutionary war; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Southard from the committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to enforce, for a further term, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for other purposes," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-day.

Mr. Poindexter submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the establishment of a provisional government in the territory of Florida, ceded to the United States, by the late treaty with Spain, and that the said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Rich,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be instructed to report to this House, at an early period of the next session of Congress, as copy of such rules and regulations as shall have been adopted for the government of the military academy; together with a list of the Cadets which were attached to the academy, on the 1st day of January, 1815, and of such as shall have been appointed between the said 1st of January and 30th September 1819: exhibiting the date of their several appointments, with the states and territories from whence they came; a list of such as shall have resigned or have been dismissed, and at what period; also, a list of such as shall have been commissioned in the army, with the date of their commissions, and of such as shall have resigned, with the date of their resignations.

Resolved also, That the said Secretary be instructed to report as aforesaid, whether any, and, if any, what legislative provisions are necessary for the more convenient organization and government of the said academy, the better to ensure a strict obedience to all proper orders, and a suitable respect for all the rights of those whose duty it may be to yield obedience.

On motion of Mr. Robert Moore,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be instructed to inquire whether, in his opinion, the public service will require any, and what, aid from the United States, for removing the obstructions occasioned by the sand bar, at the entrance of the harbor of Presque Isle, on lake Erie, in the state of Pennsylvania, and make report at the next session of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Hugh Nelson,

Resolved, That the committee of Accounts be authorized and directed to make the same allowance for extra services to each person serving this House, as was granted at the end of the last session.

Mr. Robert Moore submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be instructed to inquire



whether the public interests of the United States will be promoted by subscribing for \_\_\_\_\_ shares of stock in the turnpike road leading from the city of Pittsburg, to the town of Waterford, in the state of Pennsylvania, and make report thereon, at the next session of Congress.

The said resolution was read, and the question being taken to agree thereto;

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states,

An act for the relief of John B. Timberlake,

An act confirming the claim of Alexander Macomb to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan,

An act to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty,

An act, supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade,

An act to authorize Wm. Prout to institute a bill in equity, before the circuit court of the District of Columbia, against the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein.

An act authorizing the Postmaster General to contract as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats, between New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky; and,

An act regulating passenger ships and vessels; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille,

2. An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain,

3. An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslande,

4. An act for the relief of Joseph M. Neil,

5. An act for the relief of Eli Hart,

6. An act for the relief of John Rodriguez;

7. An act for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud,

8. An act for the relief of Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Booth; and,

9. An act to regulate and fix the salaries and compensation of the registers and receivers of public moneys of the land offices, were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh to the committee of

Claims, the eighth to the committee on the Judiciary, and the ninth to the committee on the Public Lands.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report of the Joint committee upon the subject of the public printing. The said report was read, in which is contained the following proposition:

*III. Under all circumstances, the committee have deemed it their duty to recommend that a tariff of prices for every kind of printing required to be done for Congress, be fixed by a joint resolution of the two Houses, to continue in force for two years; and that before the close of the present session, each House make choice, by ballot, of a printer, to execute its own work, during the next Congress. The prices should be adequate to the employment of sufficient capital and workmen to perform the work expeditiously, and to insure such care and attention as shall give it such a degree of accuracy and elegance, as shall not dishonor the literature and typography of the country. With former contracts before us, and with the professional knowledge which may be called in aid, no difficulty would occur in forming the tariff alluded to, on principles at once liberal to the printer and advantageous to Congress; and in the selection of its printer, each House would doubtless take especial care to choose a man of capacity, probity, and responsibility. In addition to the bond and security to be required of them for the faithful performance of their obligations, a provision might be added, that in case of any unreasonable delay, another person might be employed to do the work at such price as the Secretary or Clerk might be able to get it done for, and that the public printers should respectively, be responsible for any difference between the sum allowed them, and that which it might be necessary to give him. The committee therefore, submit the following resolution:*

The resolution submitted in the said report being also read, as follows:

Resolved, That the Joint committee on Public Printing, be instructed to report a resolution for carrying the foregoing proposition into effect.

The question was then taken to concur in the said resolution; And passed in the affirmative.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

An act to continue in force for a further term the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indians, and for other purposes,"

An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy; and,

An act to repeal part of an act passed on the 27th day of February, 1813, entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the post office establishment," were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for

the Public Buildings, for the purchase of a lot of land, and for furnishing a supply of water for the use of certain Public Buildings," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid.

An engrossed bill to reduce the duties on certain wines, and to declare free of duty books printed in foreign languages, was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act to reduce the duties on certain wines."

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to enforce those provisions of the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States, which relate to the right of voting for directors," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be amended by adding the words, "and for other purposes;" and that the Clerk carry the said three last mentioned bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee of the whole, had again had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to no resolution thereon.

A motion was then made by Mr. Taylor, to discharge the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union, from the further consideration of the resolution from the Senate, "proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and the election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States," and to lay the said resolution on the table.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....79,  
Nays.....73.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

|                |              |                |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Mr. Abbot,     | Mr. Blount,  | Mr. Hendricks, |
| Anderson, Pa.  | Boden,       | Herrick,       |
| Anderson, Ken. | Boss,        | Hitchcock,     |
| Austin,        | Burwell,     | Hogg,          |
| Baldwin,       | Butler, Lou. | Hostetter,     |
| Ball,          | Cobb,        | Hubbard,       |
| Barbour, Va.   | Comstock,    | Hunter,        |
| Barber, Ohio,  | Cook,        | Irving, N. Y.  |
| Bassett,       | Crawford,    | Johnson, Va.   |
| Bateman,       | Fuller,      | Jones,         |
| Beecher,       | Garnett,     | Livermore,     |
| Bennett,       | Hasbrouck,   | McLane, Del.   |

Mr. W. Maclay,  
W. P. Maclay.  
McCoy,  
Marchand,  
Saml. Moore,  
Murray,  
H. Nelson,  
T. M. Nelson,  
Nesbitt,  
Newton,  
Palmer,  
Patterson,  
Pegram,  
Pleasants,  
Poindexter,

Mr. Porter,  
Reed, *Ga.*  
Rhea,  
Rice,  
Ringgold,  
Rogers,  
Sampson,  
Savage,  
Scudder,  
Shaw,  
Bal. Smith,  
Alex. Smyth,  
Southard,  
Spencer,

Mr. Tallmadge,  
Tarr,  
Taylor,  
Terrell,  
Tompkins,  
Townsend,  
Tucker, *Va.*  
Tyler,  
Walker, *Ken.*  
Wallace,  
Wendover,  
Whiteside,  
Wilkin, *W.*  
Wilson, *Pa.*

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Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,  
Bayley,  
Bloomfield,  
Campbell,  
Colston,  
Crafts,  
Cruger,  
Cushman,  
Darlington,  
Davidson,  
Desha,  
Edwards,  
Ellicott,  
Fisher,  
Folger,  
Gilbert,  
Hale,  
Hall, *Del.*  
Hall, *N. C.*  
Harrison,  
Herkimer,  
Hiester,  
Holmes,  
Hopkinson,  
Huntington,

Mr. Kinsey,  
Kirtland,  
Lawyer,  
Linn,  
Little,  
Lowndes,  
Mason, *Mass.*  
Mason, *R. I.*  
Mercer,  
Merrill,  
Middleton,  
Mills,  
Robert Moore,  
Moseley,  
Jer. Nelson,  
New,  
Ogden,  
Ogle,  
Orr,  
Owen,  
Parott,  
Pawling,  
Peter,  
Pindall,

Mr. Pitkin,  
Reed, *Md.*  
Rich,  
Richards,  
Robertson,  
Ruggles,  
Seybert,  
Sherwood,  
Silsbee,  
Simkins,  
Slocumb,  
S. Smith,  
J. S. Smith,  
Speed,  
Storrs,  
Terry,  
Tucker, *S. C.*  
Upham,  
Walker, *N. C.*  
Westerlo,  
Whitman,  
Williams, *Con.*  
Williams, *N. Y.*  
Williams, *N. C.*

Ordered, That the several orders of the day which precede the bill to alter and establish certain post roads, be postponed until tomorrow.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the said bill; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wilkin reported the said bill with amendments; when,

Mr. Strother moved to lay the said bill on the table, which was rejected.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the said bill, were then read and concurred in, except that which proposed to establish a post route from Fort Wayne, to Chicago; which was disagreed to.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Spencer.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole on the state of the Union, to which is committed the resolution submitted by him, in relation to the bank of the United States, be discharged from the further consideration of the said resolution, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act providing for the better organization of the Treasury Department," reported the same with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also reported the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act, in addition to the act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties," without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Smith also reported the agreement of the committee of Ways and Means, to the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1819."

Ordered, That the said amendments be committed to a committee of the whole, to day.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the said amendments: and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported their agreement to all the said amendments except one, to which they disagreed.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 27, 1819.

Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, presented documents in support of the petition of William Rice, which were referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Cushman presented a petition of Jacob Secor, praying for a pension.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that further measures may be adopted for the security and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the United States.

The Speaker presented a petition of William Jackson, solicitor on behalf of the surviving officers of the revolutionary army, praying that the report of the Select committee, made at the present session, in behalf of his suffering constituents may be called up and finally acted upon.

Ordered, That the said petitions lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill providing compensation to assessors, in certain cases; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-day.

Mr. Rich, from the committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Eli Hart," made a report recommending the rejection of the said bill.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Rich, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Dozet and Antoine Bourgoud," reported the same with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, last appointed.

Mr. Rich, from the same committee to which was also referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Purkill," made a report recommending that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the said bill be also committed to the committee of the whole, last appointed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act, explanatory of the act, entitled an act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri," with amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions of Dominicus Cutts, Thomas B. Smith and Charles Hayden.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to inform this House, what sums of money have been paid to the Attorney General of the United States, for extra services, designating the services and the fund from which the money has been paid.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill confirming certain claims to land in the territory of Illinois, be discharged.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill, and ordered the same to be engrossed and read a third time, on Monday next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary; which was read, and is as follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

The treaty of amity, settlement and limits between the United States and His Catholic Majesty, having been on the part of the United States ratified, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, copies of it are now transmitted to Congress. As the ratification on the part of Spain may be expected to take place during the recess of Congress, I recommend to their consideration the adoption of such legislative measures, contingent upon the event of the exchange of the ratifications, as may be necessary or expedient for carrying the treaty into effect, in the interval between the sessions, and until Congress at their next session may see fit to make further provision on the subject.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, February 26th, 1819.*

Ordered, That the said message be referred to the committee on Foreign Affairs, with leave to sit during the sitting of the House.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the amendments, proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1819;" and the said amendments being read, were concurred in with the exception of that to which the committee of the whole yesterday reported their disagreement.

The question was then taken, to concur with the committee of the whole, in their disagreement to the said amendment.

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act explanatory of the act, entitled 'An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri,'" were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon;" when,

Mr. Hendricks moved to amend the same, by inserting after the word "twenty," in the fourth line of the bill, these words: "with-

out the payment of back interest, on such sums as shall be paid previous to the said 31st day of March, 1820;" which motion was rejected; and it was then

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when,

Mr. Mercer moved that it lay upon the table; which was rejected.

And the question being taken, Shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

"An act concerning invalid pensioners," and "An act for the relief of Robert M'Calla and Matthew H. Jouett," with amendments to each. They *disagree* to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands, not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana:" and they have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act authorizing the purchase of fire engines, and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same,

An act for the relief of Solomon Prevost;

An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge,

An act for the relief of John Pettet,

An act for the relief of John Anderson,

An act for the relief of Alexander Milne,

An act for the relief of Christopher Fowler; in which amendments and bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And he withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning Invalid pensioners," were read, and referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert M'Calla and Matthew H. Jouett," was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act authorizing the purchase of fire engines, and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same,
2. An act for the relief of Solomon Prevost,
3. An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge,
4. An act for the relief of John Pettet,
5. An act for the relief of John Anderson,
6. An act for the relief of Alexander Milne; and,
7. An act for the relief of Christopher Fowler; were severally



read the first and second time, and referred, the *first* and *fifth* to committees of the whole, on Monday next; the *second*, *third*, *fourth* and *sixth* to the committee of Claims, and the *seventh* to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the message from the Senate, notifying their disagreement to the amendment of this House to their bill, entitled "An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands, not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana;" and the said amendment being again read; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That this House recede from their said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for erecting a light house upon Galloo Island, near the outlet of Lake Ontario; for placing sundry spindles or buoys, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the said bill with amendments, which were read, and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, on Monday next.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties;" whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-day.

The said bill was, accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bills for the relief of James Orr, Robert Kidd and John McCausland; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Alexander Smith reported the said bills with amendments to that for the relief of Robert Kid; which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed and severally read a third time, on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill extending the term of half pay pensions to the widows and children of certain officers, seamen and marines, who died in the public service; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tallmadge reported the said bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of B. and P. Jordan, brothers;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tallmadge reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which were referred the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," reported their agreement to the said amendments.

The said amendments were then read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Holmes, from the committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred the message of the President, communicating a copy of the treaty lately concluded between the United States and Spain, reported a bill to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and to establish a temporary government therein; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union.

And then the House adjourned.

# MONDAY, March 1, 1819.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of James May, praying compensation for damages committed on his property by the American troops, near Detroit in the territory of Michigan, in the late war with Great Britain; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill authorizing the sale of certain military sites; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury, be requested to transmit to Congress, at an early period in the next session, a general statement of the condition of the bank of the United States and of its offices, similar to the returns made to him by the bank; and a statement exhibiting as nearly as may be practicable, the amount of capital invested in the different chartered banks, in the several states, and in the District of Columbia; the amount of notes issued by those banks and in circulation; the public and private deposits in them; the amount of loans and discounts made by them and remaining unpaid; and the total quantity of specie they possess; and that he be requested also, to report such measures, as in his opinion may be expedient, to procure and retain a sufficient quantity of gold and silver coin in the United States, or to supply a circulating medium, in place of specie, adopted to the exigencies of the country, and within the power of the government.

An engrossed bill for erecting a light house upon Galloo island, near the outlet of lake Ontario; for placing sundry spindels and buoys and for other purposes, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act to authorize the building, erecting, and placing light houses, beacons and buoys on places designated, in Boston, Buzzard and Chesapeake bays, lakes Ontario and Erie, and for other purposes."

An engrossed bill confirming certain claims to land in the territory of Illinois, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act confirming certain claims to land in the state of Illinois."

An engrossed bill for the relief of Robert Kid, of Philadelphia, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act for the relief of Robert Kid, Seth Webber, and Thomas Page.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

An act extending the term of half pay pensions, to the widows and children of certain officers, seamen and marines, who died in the public service,

An act for the relief of John M. Causland; and,

An act for the relief of James Orr, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, it was

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the Select committee on the petition of William Jackson, solicitor on behalf of the surviving officers of the revolutionary army, be discharged.

The House then took up and proceeded to consider the said report; when,

A motion was made by Mr. McCoy, that the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill in behalf of the Connecticut Assylum, for teaching the deaf and dumb; when,

Mr. Bassett moved that the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole; which was rejected; and,

Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, then moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; which was rejected.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Ordered; That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States of the

gold and silver coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces," be discharged.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill; and having amended the same, the amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill read a third time, to-day.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an account of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, for the year 1817, rendered in obedience to an order of this House, of the 30th December, 1791; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act respecting the location of certain sections of lands to be granted for the seat of government in the state of Indiana,

An act to protect the commerce of the United States and punish the crime of piracy.

An act to continue in force for a further term the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for other purposes."

An act to repeal part of an act passed on the 27th day of February, 1813, entitled "An act, in addition to an act regulating the post office establishment;" and,

An act explanatory of the act, entitled "An act for the final adjustment of land titles, in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri, and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1819," to which this House have disagreed. They have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act establishing a separate territorial government for the southern part of the territory of Missouri." They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes, adjoining the frontier settlements;" and "An act granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois, for the seat of government of said state," in which two last mentioned bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported that the committee had had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report the bill to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein, with an amendment, which was

read, concurred in by the House, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act in behalf of the Connecticut Asylum, for teaching the deaf and dumb," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the several orders of the day, which precede the bill in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade, and the several subjects therewith committed, be postponed until to-morrow.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the said bill, as also, on the several subjects therewith committed, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the said bill with amendments; and requested leave for the committee of the whole to sit again on the residue of the said order.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the residue of the said order.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole, to the said bill, were then read and concurred in; when,

Mr. Strother moved further to amend the same, by striking out the 3d and 4th sections thereof; which was rejected.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

Mr. Speed, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act in addition to an act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases;

An act for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers,

An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon; and,

An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands, not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana, and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Speed, from the last mentioned committee, also reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

An act for the relief of John B. Timberlake,

An act confirming the claim of Alexander Macomb to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan,

An act to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty,

An act supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade,

An act to authorize Wm. Prout to institute a bill in equity, before the circuit court of the District of Columbia, against the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein,

An act authorizing the Postmaster General to contract as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats, between New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky; and,

An act regulating passenger ships and vessels;

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, to take possession of East and West Florida, and to establish a temporary government therein," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces," was read the third time, as amended, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence in the amendment to the said bill.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes, adjoining the frontier settlements," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Indian Affairs.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois, for the seat of government of said state," was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time, to-day.

The said bill was, accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

### **TUESDAY, March 2, 1819.**

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of Joseph E. Sprague, postmaster at Salem, in the state of Massachusetts, praying for an increase of compensation, which was referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act authorizing the Postmaster General, to contract as in other cases, for carrying the mail in steam boats between New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and Louisville, in the state of Kentucky; and,

An act regulating passenger ships and vessels.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making appropriations to carry into effect treaties concluded with several Indian tribes therein mentioned," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-day.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the resolution from the Senate, "requesting the President to employ an artist to ascertain the latitude of 36 degrees 30 minutes north, on the west bank of the Tennessee river," reported the same without amendment; it was then

Ordered, That the said resolution be postponed indefinitely, and that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Poindexter, from the same committee, to whom was also referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the salaries and compensation of the registers and receivers of public moneys of the land offices," reported the same without amendment.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the said bill; when,

A motion was made by Mr. Tallmadge, to amend the same, by striking out \$500 dollars, and inserting 3000 dollars, as the maximum of compensation to be allowed to a register or receiver.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative; it was then

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed indefinitely, and that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Rich, from the committee of Claims, to which was referred bills from the Senate, of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslande," and "An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille," reported the said bills with an amendment to the latter.

Ordered, That the said bills be committed to a committee of the whole, to-day.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred, the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Booth," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-day.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs, be discharged

from the consideration of all such petitions referred to them at the present session, upon which they have not reported, and that they lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1819.

An act establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri,

An act for the relief of Robert M'Calla and Matthew H. Jouett,

An act concerning Invalid pensioners; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the report of the Commissioners of the Navy Pension Fund, made to the House during the present session, made a report thereon, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Navy Pension Fund, be instructed to use all the means which the laws place within their power, to coerce payment of the balances due to the fund, from all persons who may be found indebted to the same, and that they report to the House of Representatives, at an early period of next session of Congress, a particular statement of the means which have been used, and the success of those means, in accomplishing the objects of this resolution: *And also*, That they report whether any, and what, additional legislative provisions may be necessary to compel a compliance with the different provisions of the laws on this subject.

Mr. Pleasants, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for sick and disabled seamen," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed indefinitely, and that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the committee on Naval Affairs, be discharged from the consideration of all such petitions and other matters referred to them at the present session, upon which they have not reported.

Mr. Southard from the committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes, adjoining the frontier settlements," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making appropriations to carry into effect treaties concluded with several Indian tribes therein mentioned."



Mr. Folger, from the the Select committee, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled 'An act for the relief of Daniel Pettibone,' reported that in the opinion of the committee, it is inexpedient to pass the said bill.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and papers of M. Poirey.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the resolution "declaring the manner in which the vessels composing the navy of the United States, shall be named." They have also passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit: An act to authorize the Secretary of War to appoint an additional agent for paying pensioners of the United States in the state of Tennessee,

An act for the relief of Harold Smith,

An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states,

An act for the relief of Hannah Ring and Luther Frink; and,

An act regulating the payments to invalid pensioners, with amendments to the latter; and they have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act relative to the patent office, and to the salary of the superintendent thereof,

An act for the relief of Vincent Grant,

An act for the relief of Joseph Lefebvre,

An act for the relief of Labedoyere de Kermion; and,

An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices; in which amendments, and five last mentioned bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Booth," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act authorizing the sale of certain military sites,

An act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for the relief of Joseph Lefevre,

2. An act for the relief of Labedoyere de Kermion,

3. An act for the relief of Vincent Grant; and,

4. An act relative to the patent office, and to the salary of the superintendant thereof; were severally read the first and second time

and referred, the *first* and *second*, to the same committee of the whole, to day; the *third* to the committee of Claims, and the *fourth*, to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices;" was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time, to day.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit:

An act regulating the payments to invalid pensioners; and,

An act for the relief of Hannah Ring and Luther Frink, were read and severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri to form a constitution and state government and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states," were read; when,

Mr. Tallmadge moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....69,  
Nays.....74.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,  
Anderson, Pa.  
Barber, Ohio,  
Bateman,  
Bennett,  
Boden,  
Boss,  
Comstock,  
Crafts,  
Cushman,  
Darlington,  
Ellicott,  
Folger,  
Fuller,  
Gage,

Mr. Gilbert,  
Hale,  
Hall, Del.  
Hasbrouck,  
Hendricks,  
Herkimer,  
Herrick,  
Hopkinson,  
Hostetter,  
Hubbard,  
Hunter,  
Irving, N. Y.  
Kinsey,  
Kirtland,  
Lincoln,

Mr. Linn,  
Livermore,  
W. Maclay,  
W. P. Maclay,  
Mason, R. I.  
Merrill,  
Mills,  
Saml. Moore,  
Murray,  
Jer. Nelson,  
Ogle,  
Palmer,  
Patterson,  
Pawling,  
Pitkin.

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| Mr. Rice, | Mr. Sherwood, | Mr. Upham,              |
| Rich,     | Silsbee,      | Wallace,                |
| Richards, | Southard,     | Wendover,               |
| Rogers,   | Tallmadge,    | Westerlo,               |
| Ruggles,  | Tarr,         | Whiteside,              |
| Sampson,  | Taylor,       | Wilkin,                 |
| Schuyler, | Terry,        | Williams, <i>Con.</i>   |
| Sergeant, | Tompkins,     | Wilson, <i>Penn.</i> 69 |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,            | Mr. Harrison,        | Mr. Pindall,              |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Hogg,                | Pleasants,                |
| Austin,               | Holmes,              | Poindexter,               |
| Baldwin,              | Huntington,          | Reed, <i>Ga.</i>          |
| Ball,                 | Johnson, <i>Va.</i>  | Rhea,                     |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i>  | Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Ringgold,                 |
| Bayley,               | Jones,               | Robertson,                |
| Beecher,              | Lewis,               | Settle,                   |
| Bloomfield,           | Little,              | Seybert,                  |
| Blount,               | Lowndes,             | S. Smith,                 |
| Burwell,              | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>  | Bal. Smith,               |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>   | M'Coy,               | Alex. Smyth,              |
| Campbell,             | Marr,                | Speed,                    |
| Cobb,                 | Mason, <i>Mus.</i>   | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>     |
| Colston,              | Mercer,              | Strother,                 |
| Cook,                 | Middleton,           | Stuart, <i>Md.</i>        |
| Crawford,             | H. Nelson,           | Terrell,                  |
| Culbreth,             | T. M. Nelson,        | Trimble,                  |
| Davidson,             | New,                 | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>        |
| Desha,                | Newton,              | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>      |
| Earl,                 | Ogden,               | Tyler,                    |
| Edwards,              | Owen,                | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>      |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>   | Parrott,             | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>       |
| Floyd,                | Pegram,              | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 74 |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>    | Peter,               |                           |

All the said amendments were then concurred in, except that which proposes to strike out the following clause: "*the further introduction of slavery or involuntary servitude, be prohibited, except for the punishment of crimes, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted. And that all children of slaves born within the said state, after the admission thereof into the Union, shall be free, but may be held to service until the age of twenty five years;*" and insert, "the legislature of the said state, shall never interfere with the primary disposal of the soil by the United States, nor with any regulations Congress may find necessary for securing the titles in such soil, to the bona fide purchasers; and that no tax shall be imposed on lands, the property of the United States; and in no case shall non resident proprietors be taxed higher than residents."

The question was then taken to concur with the Senate in striking out the said clause;

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....76,  
Nays.....78.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,            | Mr. Harrison,        | Mr. Pindall,              |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Hogg,                | Pleasants,                |
| Austin,               | Holmes,              | Poindexter,               |
| Baldwin,              | Johnson, <i>Va.</i>  | Quaries,                  |
| Ball,                 | Johnson, <i>Ken.</i> | Reed, <i>Md.</i>          |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i>  | Jones,               | Reed, <i>Ga.</i>          |
| Bayley,               | Lewis,               | Rhea,                     |
| Bloomfield,           | Little,              | Ringgold,                 |
| Blount,               | Lowndes,             | Robertson,                |
| Burwell,              | M'Lane, <i>Del.</i>  | Settle,                   |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>   | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>  | S. Smith,                 |
| Cobb,                 | M'Coy,               | Bal. Smith,               |
| Colston,              | Marr,                | Alex. Smyth,              |
| Cook,                 | Mason, <i>Mass.</i>  | Speed,                    |
| Crawford,             | Mercer,              | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>     |
| Cruger,               | Middleton,           | Strother,                 |
| Culbreth,             | H. Nelson,           | Stuart, <i>Md.</i>        |
| Davidson,             | T. M. Nelson,        | Terrell,                  |
| Desha,                | New,                 | Trimble,                  |
| Earl,                 | Newton,              | Tucker, <i>Va.</i>        |
| Edwards,              | Ogden,               | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>      |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>   | Owen,                | Tyler,                    |
| Fisher,               | Parrott,             | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>      |
| Floyd,                | Pegram,              | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>       |
| Garnett,              | Peter,               | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 76 |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>    |                      |                           |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Adams,           | Mr. Comstock, | Mr. Hale,         |
| Allen,               | Crafts,       | Hall, <i>Del.</i> |
| Anderson, <i>Pa.</i> | Cushman,      | Hasbrouck,        |
| Barber, <i>Ohio,</i> | Darlington,   | Hendricks,        |
| Bateman,             | Drake,        | Herkimer,         |
| Beecher,             | Ellicott,     | Herrick,          |
| Bennett,             | Folger,       | Hopkinson,        |
| Boden,               | Fuller,       | Hostetter,        |
| Boss,                | Gage,         | Hubbard,          |
| Campbell,            | Gilbert,      | Hunter,           |

Mr. Huntington,  
Irving, J. F.  
Kinsey,  
Kirtland,  
Lincoln,  
Linn,  
Livermore,  
W. Maclay,  
W. P. Maclay,  
Mason, R. I.  
Merrill,  
Mills,  
Robt. Moore,  
Saml. Moore,  
Murray,  
Jer. Nelson

Mr. Ogle,  
Orr,  
Palmer,  
Patterson,  
Pawling,  
Pitkin,  
Rice,  
Rich,  
Richards,  
Rogers,  
Ruggles,  
Sampson,  
Schuyler,  
Sergeant,  
Seybert,  
Sherwood,

Mr. Silsbee,  
Southard,  
Tallmadge,  
Tarr,  
Taylor,  
Terry,  
Tompkins,  
Upham,  
Wallace,  
Wendover,  
Westerlo,  
Whiteside,  
Whitman,  
Wilkin,  
Williams, Con.  
Wilson, Pa. 78

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on this day, approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act confirming the claim of Alexander Macomb to a tract of land in the territory of Michigan,

An act to regulate the pay of the army when employed on fatigue duty,

An act to authorize William Prout to institute a bill in equity, before the circuit court for the District of Columbia, against the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, and to direct a defence therein,

An act supplementary to the acts concerning the coasting trade,

An act for the relief of John B. Timberlake,

An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

The Senate have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Brook and Edmund P. Kennedy." And they have passed a bill, entitled "An act to revive the powers of the Commissioners for ascertaining and deciding on claims to land in the district of Detroit, and for settling the claims to land at Green Bay and Prairie du Chien, in the territory of Michigan," in which lastmentioned bill they ask the concurrence of the House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit: "An act making appropriations to carry into effect treaties concluded with several Indian tribes therein mentioned;" and "An act making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes adjoining the frontier settlements;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills, respectively, be read a third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate *adhere* to their amendment to the bill of this House, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states," to which this House have disagreed. And then he withdrew.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the adjustment of claims to land, and establishing land offices in the district east of the Island of New Orleans," and being read; it was,

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed indefinitely, and that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

An act making appropriations to carry into effect treaties concluded with the several Indian tribes therein mentioned; and,

An act making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes, adjoining the frontier settlements, were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the message from the Senate, notifying their adherence to their amendment to the bill of this House, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Missouri, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states," to which this House disagreed; when,

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, that the House *adhere* to their disagreement to the said amendment;

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....78,  
Nays.....66.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Adams,           | Mr. Hopkinson,       | Mr. Rice,             |
| Allen, <i>Mass.</i>  | Hostetter,           | Rich,                 |
| Anderson, <i>Pa.</i> | Hubbard,             | Richards,             |
| Barber, <i>Ohio.</i> | Hunter,              | Rogers,               |
| Bateman,             | Huntington,          | Ruggles,              |
| Beechar,             | Irving, <i>N. Y.</i> | Sampson,              |
| Bennett,             | Kinsey,              | Schuyler,             |
| Boss,                | Lincoln,             | Sergeant,             |
| Campbell,            | Linn,                | Sherwood,             |
| Comstock,            | Livermore,           | Silsbee,              |
| Crafts,              | W. Maclay,           | Southard,             |
| Cushman,             | W. P. Maclay,        | Tallmadge,            |
| Darlington,          | Mason, <i>N. J.</i>  | Tarr,                 |
| Drake,               | Merrill,             | Taylor,               |
| Ellicott,            | Mills,               | Terry,                |
| Folger,              | Robt. Moore,         | Tompkins,             |
| Fuller,              | Saml. Moore,         | Upham,                |
| Gage,                | Moseley,             | Wallace,              |
| Gilbert,             | Murray,              | Wendover,             |
| Hale,                | Jer. Nelson,         | Westerlo,             |
| Hall, <i>Del.</i>    | Ogle,                | Whiteside,            |
| Hasbrouck,           | Orr,                 | Whitman,              |
| Hendricks,           | Palmer,              | Wilkin,               |
| Herkimer,            | Patterson,           | Williams, <i>Con.</i> |
| Herrick,             | Pawling,             | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i>  |
| Hitchcock,           | Pitkin,              | Wilson, <i>Pa.</i> 78 |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Abbott,           | Mr. Herbert,         | Mr. Peter,                |
| Anderson, <i>Ken.</i> | Hogg,                | Pindall,                  |
| Austin,               | Holmes,              | Pleasants,                |
| Baldwin,              | Johnson, <i>Vir.</i> | Poindexter,               |
| Ball,                 | Jones,               | Reed, <i>Ga.</i>          |
| Barbour, <i>Va.</i>   | Lewis,               | Rhea,                     |
| Bayley,               | Little,              | Ringgold,                 |
| Bloomfield,           | Lowndes,             | Settle,                   |
| Blount,               | McLane, <i>Del.</i>  | S. Smith,                 |
| Burwell,              | McLean, <i>Ill.</i>  | Bal. Smith,               |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>   | McCoy,               | Alex. Smith,              |
| Cobb,                 | Marr,                | Speed,                    |
| Colston,              | Mason, <i>Mass.</i>  | Stewart, <i>N. C.</i>     |
| Crawford,             | Mercer,              | Storra,                   |
| Davidson,             | Middleton,           | Strother,                 |
| Desha,                | H. Nelson,           | Terrell,                  |
| Edwards,              | T. M. Nelson,        | Trimble,                  |
| Ervin, <i>S. C.</i>   | Newton,              | Tucker, <i>Vir.</i>       |
| Fisher,               | Ogden,               | Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>      |
| Floyd,                | Owen,                | Tyler,                    |
| Garnett,              | Parrott,             | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>       |
| Harrison,             | Pegram,              | Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 66 |

*And so the said bill was lost.*

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the amendment proposed by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, an act regulating the currency within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces." They have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade," with an amendment. They have also passed a "Resolution directing the manner in which the printing of Congress shall be executed, fixing the prices thereof, and providing for the appointment of a printer or printers," in which amendment and resolution they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade," was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry that the House reconsider their vote of this day for the indefinite postponement of the bill from the Senate entitled "An act for the adjustment of claims to land, and establishing land offices in the district east of the island of New Orleans."

And the question being taken, will the House reconsider the said vote?

It passed in the affirmative.

The said bill was then ordered to be read a third time to-day.

And the said bill was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The resolution from the Senate, "directing the manner in which the printing of Congress shall be executed, fixing the prices thereof, and providing for the appointment of a printer or printers," was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said resolution was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Illinois," and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the said bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the



bill reported at the present session, concerning invalid pensioners; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had made some progress in the said bill, but that finding themselves without a quorum, he was directed to report that fact to the House.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 3d, 1819.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means, the committee of Claims, and the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be discharged from the further consideration of such matters and things as may have been referred to them at the present session, and upon which they have not reported.

Ordered; That the Select committee to which is referred the petition of Joseph E. Bloomfield, in behalf of Richard S. Hackley, be discharged, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions of Teter Null, Uriah Barber, and others, Joseph Young's heirs, Jonathan Ward, Edward Kean, (presented at the last session,) and Richard Frisby.

On motion of Mr. Pleasants.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Marine and Navy Hospital Funds, be instructed to report to this House, at an early period of the next session of Congress, whether any alterations are necessary in the laws constituting and regulating these funds; and if they shall be of opinion that any changes are necessary, that they report the same, with a plan for establishing such a system as will, in their opinions, best promote the object of the institutions.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to repeal part of an act passed on the 27th day of February, 1813, entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the post office establishment,"

An act for the relief of Robert M'Calla and Matthew H. Jouett,

An act explanatory of an act, entitled "An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri,"

An act concerning invalid pensioners,

An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1819,

An act establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri,

An act in addition to "An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties, in certain cases,"

An act for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers,

An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon,

An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale, in the states of Ohio and Indiana.

An act respecting the location of certain sections of lands to be granted to the state of Indiana.

An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy,

An act to continue in force for a further term the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for other purposes,"

Mr. Wilson, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, also reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to authorize the Secretary of War to appoint an additional agent for paying pensioners of the United States in the state of Tennessee,

An act for the relief of Hannah Ring and others,

An act regulating the payments to invalid pensioners,

An act for the relief of George M. Brooke and Edmund P. Kennedy,

An act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade,

An act granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois, for the seat of government of said state.

An act for the relief of Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Boothe,

An act to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France and five franc pices,

An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices,

An act making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes, adjoining the frontier settlements; and,

An enrolled resolution declaring the manner in which the vessels composing the navy of the United States, shall be named;

And found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into the committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John Rice Jones;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the said bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole,

on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Michael Hogan;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson, reported the same with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House; and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-day.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill of the present session, concerning invalid pensioners; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported the said bill with an amendment, which was read and disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill, in addition to, and alteration of, an act, entitled "An act laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries;" as also, on the bill further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes, and on the several subjects thereto committed; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported the first mentioned bill without amendment, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the residue of the order; which was granted by the House.

Ordered, That the said first mentioned bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Joseph Wheaton,

An act to reduce the duties on certain wines,

An act making appropriations for the Public Buildings, for the purchase of a lot of land, and furnishing a supply of water for the use of certain public buildings,

An act for the relief of Daniel Moss,

An act for the relief of Robert Kid, Seth Webber and Thomas Page,

An act for the relief of Isaac Minis and others,

An act in behalf of the Connecticut Asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb,

An act to authorize the building, erecting, and placing light-houses, beacons, and buoys, on places designated in Boston, Buzzard's, and Chesapeake Bays, Lakes Ontario and Erie, and for other purposes,

An act to alter and establish certain post roads,

An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein; with amendments to the three latter. The Senate

have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to fix the time for the next meeting of Congress;" in which amendments and bill they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands;" when,

Mr. Poindexter moved that the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole: and,

Mr. Holmes moved that it lie on the table; both of which motions being rejected.

Mr. Ball moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; when,

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

The said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, to take possession of East and West Florida, and to establish a temporary government therein," were taken up and read; whereupon,

Resolved, That this House concur in all the said amendments, except that which proposes to add a new section as the fifth section of the said bill, with an amendment to the fifth and sixth of the said amendments.

Resolved, That this House do not agree to so much of the said amendments, as proposes to add a new section to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act to authorize the building, erecting, and placing light houses, beacons and buoys on places designated in Boston, Buzzards and Chesapeake Bays, Lakes Ontario and Erie, and for other purposes; and,

An act to alter and establish certain post roads, were read, and severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to fix the time for the next meeting of Congress," was read the first and second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Barbour, of Virginia,

Was postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act in addition to, and alteration of, an act, entitled "An act laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries;" and,

An act concerning invalid pensioners, were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Colston moved the House again to resume the consideration of the bill from the Senate, making further provision for the sale of the public lands: which was rejected.

Mr. Speed, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills and an enrolled resolution of the following titles, to wit:

An act making appropriations to carry into effect treaties concluded with the several Indian tribes, therein mentioned,

An act for the relief of John Rice Jones,

An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Illinois; and,

A resolution directing the manner in which the printing of Congress shall be executed, fixing the prices thereof, and providing for the appointment of a printer or printers; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Michael Hogan." They have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act extending the term of half-pay pensions to the widows and children of certain officers, seamen and marines who died in the public service,

An act for the relief of Patrick Callan,

An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to authorize and empower the President and managers of the Washington Turnpike Company of the state of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road to, or from George Town, in the District of Columbia, through the said district to the line thereof."

An act concerning the allowance of pensions upon the relinquishment of bounty lands,

An act in addition to an act, supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson;" and,

An act for the relief of Henry Bateman, with an amendment to the latter; in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendment was read and concurred in, and the Clerk was ordered to acquaint the Senate therewith.

*And then the House adjourned until 6 o'clock, P. M.*

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

**Mr. Speaker:** The Senate have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of James Orr,

An act to enforce those provisions of the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," which relate to the right of voting for directors,"

An act for the relief of Phoebe Stuart.

And they have postponed until to-morrow, bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit:

An act confirming certain claims to land in the state of Illinois.

An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin Wells;" and,

An act to amend the act, entitled An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated lands within the same," passed the 18th of April, 1806.

They have also postponed until to-morrow, the joint "resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause astronomical observations to be made, to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol, in the city of Washington, from some known meridian in Europe." And then he withdrew.

**Mr. Wilson,** of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Robert Kid, Seth Webber, and Thomas Page,

An act for the relief of Daniel Moss,

An act for the relief of Joseph Wheaton;

An act to regulate the duties on certain wines.

An act making appropriations for the public buildings, for the purchase of a lot of land, and furnishing a supply of water for the use of certain public buildings,

An act for the relief of Isaac Minis, and others,

An act in behalf of the Connecticut Asylum, for teaching the deaf and dumb,

An act for the relief of Harold Smyth,

An act for the relief of Henry Batman,

An act to authorize the building, erecting, and placing light houses, beacons and buoys, on places designated, in Boston, Buzzard and Chesapeake bays, lakes Ontario and Erie, and for other purposes,"

An act for the relief of Patrick Callan,

An act concerning the allowance of pensions upon a relinquishment of bounty lands,

An act supplementary to the act, entitled An act to authorize and empower the President and Managers of the Washington Turn-

pike Company of the state of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road from Georgetown in the District of Columbia, through the said District, to the line thereof,

An act for the relief of James Orr,

An act for the relief of Phoebe Stuart,

An act extending the term of half pay pensions to the widows and children of certain officers, seamen and marines, who died in the public service,

An act to alter and establish certain post roads,

An act in addition to an act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson,"

An act to enforce those provisions of the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United State," which relate to the right of voting for directors, and found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Rees Hill;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ball reported the said bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-day..

The said bill was, accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of fire engines, and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported the said bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the amendments proposed by this House to their fourth and fifth amendments to the bill of this House, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein," and recede from the amendment, which proposes to add a fifth section to the said bill. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Ogden,

Resolved, That the several persons who have presented petitions to this House during the present session, and upon which the House have not acted, have leave to withdraw the same, and also, the several papers which have been exhibited by them in support thereof.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the

bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Aquila Giles;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time; and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker:—The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act in addition to, and alteration of, an act, entitled "An act laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries,"

An act to authorize the Secretary of War to convey a lot or parcel of land belonging to the United States, lying in Jefferson county, Virginia,

An act for the relief of John M'Causland,

An act to authorize the sale of certain military sites.

They have postponed until to-morrow, the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," and they have passed a bill, entitled "An act to establish a new land office in the state of Illinois;" in which bill they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein,

An act in addition to, and alteration of, an act, entitled "An act laying a duty on salt imported into the United States, granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries,"

An act for the relief of Rees Hill,

An act authorizing the purchase of fire engines, and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same,

An act for the relief of Aquila Giles,

An act for the relief of Michael Hogan,

An act for adjusting claims to land, and establishing land offices in the districts east of the Island of New Orleans,

An act for the relief of John M'Causland,

An act to authorize the Secretary of War to convey a lot or parcel of ground belonging to the United States, lying in Jefferson county, in the state of Virginia; and,

An act to authorize the sale of certain military sites; and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.



Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Taylor moved the House to come to the following order: .

Ordered, That no printing directed by this House to be executed, shall be received from the printer by the officers thereof, after the first day of May next.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish a new land office in the state of Illinois," was read the first time; and,

On the question, Shall the said bill be read the second time?

There appears,                    { Yeas.....70,  
                                              Nays.....21.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

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| Mr. Abbot,           | Mr. Irving, <i>N. Y.</i> | Mr. Reed, <i>Md.</i>    |
| Austin,              | Johnson, <i>Va.</i>      | Reed, <i>Ga.</i>        |
| Baldwin,             | Jones,                   | Rhea,                   |
| Ball,                | Lewis,                   | Rich,                   |
| Barbour, <i>Vir.</i> | Lincoln,                 | Ringgold,               |
| Barber, <i>Ohio,</i> | Linn,                    | Rogers,                 |
| Bayley,              | Livermore,               | Ruggles,                |
| Butler, <i>Lou.</i>  | M'Lean, <i>Ill.</i>      | Sampson,                |
| Cobb,                | Mason, <i>Mas.</i>       | Settle,                 |
| Comstock,            | Mercer,                  | Seybert,                |
| Davidson,            | Middleton,               | Silsbee,                |
| Drake,               | Saml. Moore,             | Speed,                  |
| Ellicott,            | Moseley,                 | Storrs,                 |
| Fisher,              | Jer. Nelson,             | Stuart, <i>Md.</i>      |
| Floyd,               | H. Nelson,               | Tarr,                   |
| Folger,              | Newton,                  | Tylet,                  |
| Garnett,             | Ogle,                    | Upham,                  |
| Gilbert,             | Owen,                    | Walker, <i>N. C.</i>    |
| Hall, <i>N. C.</i>   | Palmer,                  | Walker, <i>Ken.</i>     |
| Harrison,            | Parrott,                 | Westerlo,               |
| Hendricks,           | Pegram,                  | Williams, <i>N. C.</i>  |
| Herrick,             | Peter,                   | Wilson, <i>Mass.</i>    |
| Holmes,              | Pitkin,                  | Wilson, <i>Penn.</i> 70 |
| Hubbard,             |                          |                         |

Those who voted in the negative, are

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| Mr. Adams,  | Mr. M'Lean, <i>Del.</i> | Mr. S. Smith,            |
| Bateman,    | W. Maclay,              | Southard,                |
| Bennett,    | W. P. Maclay,           | Tallmadge,               |
| Darlington, | Murray,                 | Terrell,                 |
| Earl,       | Ogden,                  | Terry,                   |
| Hopkinson,  | Schuyler,               | Whitman,                 |
| Little,     | Sergeant,               | Williams, <i>Con.</i> 21 |

*Thus it appeared that a quorum was not present.*

Mr. Speed, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had presented to the President of the United States for his approbation the several enrolled bills and resolution, the examination of which was this day reported.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: the Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Nathan G. Birdseye and Daniel Boothe,

An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices,

An act making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes, adjoining the frontier settlements,

An act granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois, for the seat of government of said state,

An act making appropriations to carry into effect treaties concluded with several Indian tribes therein mentioned,

An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Illinois,

An act for the relief of John Rice Jones,

An act to protect the commerce of the United States and punish the crime of piracy,

An act in addition to an act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases,

An act respecting the location of certain sections of land to be granted for the seat of government in the state of Indiana,

An act further to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon,

An act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands, not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana,

An act to continue in force for a further term, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for other purposes."

An act to repeal part of an act passed the 27th day of February, 1813, entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the post office establishment,"

An act for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers,

An act to continue in force an act regulating the currency within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Spain, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces,

An act authorizing the purchase of fire engines, and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same,

An act for the relief of Aquila Giles,

An act for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the district east of New Orleans; and,

An enrolled resolution. "directing the manner in which the printing of Congress shall be executed, fixing the prices thereof, and providing for the appointment of a printer or printers to Congress."

A message was received from the President of the United States by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 2d instant, approve and sign an enrolled bill, entitled "An act establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the territory of Missouri;" and on this day enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution, of the following titles, to wit:

An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1819,

An act for the relief of Robert M'Calla and Matthew H. Jonett,

An act concerning invalid pensioners,

An act explanatory of an act, entitled "An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri,"

An act to authorize the Secretary of War to appoint an additional agent for paying pensioners of the United States in the state of Tennessee,

An act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade,

An act for the relief of George M. Brook and Edmund P. Kennedy,

An act regulating the payments to invalid pensioners,

An act for the relief of Hannah Ring and others,

An act in behalf of the Connecticut Asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb,

An act in addition to an act, supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Wilson,"

An act for the relief of Phoebe Stuart,

An act for the relief of Isaac Minis, and others.

An act extending the term of half-pay pensions to the widows and children of certain officers, seamen and marines who died in the public service,

An act for the relief of Daniel Moss,

An act to authorize the building, erecting and placing light houses, beacons and buoys on places designated in Boston, Buzzard and Chesapeake Bays, Lakes Ontario and Erie, and for other purposes.

An act to regulate the duties on certain wines,

An act to alter and establish certain post roads,

An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to authorize and empower the President and managers of the Washington Turnpike Road Company of the state of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road to, or from George Town, in the District of Columbia, through the said district to the line thereof."

An act to enforce those provisions of the act, entitled "An act

to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," which relate to the right of voting for directors, and for other purposes.

An act for the relief of Henry Batman,

An act for the relief of Robert Kid, Seth Webbery, and Thomas

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An act making appropriations for the Public Buildings, for the purchase of a lot of land, and furnishing a supply of water for the use of certain Public Buildings,

An act for the relief of Joseph Wheaton,

An act for the relief of Patrick Callan,

An act for the relief of James Orr,

An act concerning the allowance of pensions upon the relinquishment of bounty land,

An act to authorize the Secretary of War to convey a lot or parcel of land belonging to the United States, lying in Jefferson County, Virginia,

An act for the relief of John McCausland,

An act authorizing the sale of certain military sites,

An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein,

An act in addition to, and alteration of an act, entitled "An act laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries;" and,

A resolution directing the manner in which the vessels composing the navy of the United States shall be named.

Ordered; That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Hugh Nelson, it was,

Resolved *unanimously*. That the thanks of this House be presented to the Honorable Henry Clay, for the able, impartial, and dignified manner in which he has presided over its deliberations, and performed the arduous and important duties of the chair.

Upon which Mr. Clay rose, and addressed the House as follows:

*I beg you to receive, gentlemen, my most respectful acknowledgments for the flattering vote you have done me the honor to pass. Always entertaining for this House the highest consideration, the expression of your approbation conveys a gratification as pure as it is indescribable. I owe it to truth, however, to say, gentlemen, that, but for the almost unlimited confidence with which you have constantly sustained the chair, I should have been utterly incompetent to discharge its arduous duties.*

*If, gentlemen, in the course of our deliberations, momentary irritation has been at any time felt, or unkind expressions have ever, in the heat of debate, fallen from any of us, let these unpleasant incidents be consigned to oblivion, and let us recollect only, the anxious desire which*

*has uniformly animated every one to promote what appeared to him to be for the prosperity of our common country.*

*One painful circumstance fills me with the deepest regret. It is that after having co-operated with many of you, with some for years, to advance the public good, we separate to meet perhaps no more. I here bear testimony to the fidelity with which you have all labored to fulfil the high and honorable trust committed to us by the nation. And every one of you will carry with you my most ardent wishes for your individual welfare and happiness.*

The House proceeded by ballot, to the election of a printer, to execute the printing ordered by the House of Representatives during the next Congress, in pursuance of the "Resolution directing the manner in which the printing of Congress shall be executed, fixing the prices thereof, and for the appointment of a printer or printers to Congress." And upon an examination of the ballots, it appeared that Joseph Gales, Jr. and William W. Seaton, under the firm of Gales and Seaton, were duly elected.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have elected Gales and Seaton printers on their part, to execute the printing of the Senate during the next Congress, pursuant to the resolution on that subject. The Senate passed a Resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that the two Houses of Congress are about to adjourn, if he has no further communications to make to them, and have appointed a committee on their part. And then he withdrew:

The said resolution was read and concurred in by the House, and Mr. Pitkin and Mr. Harrison were appointed of the said committee on their part.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the account of Messrs. Davis and Force, for printing the documents accompanying the letter of the committee of the American Colonization Society to the Speaker of this House, amounting to \$259, be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, in answer to the resolution of this House of the 27th ult. directing him to inform this House what sums of money have been paid to the Attorney General of the United States, for extra services, designating the service, and the fund from which the money has been paid: which letter was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pitkin, from the Joint committee appointed to inform the President of the United States, that the two Houses of Congress are about to adjourn, if he had no further communications to make to

them, reported that the committee had waited on the President of the United States, and was informed by him, that he had no further communications to make.

A message was then received from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary, as follows:

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